### **Ulster Procession Takes** 3 Boys to Their Graves

Sobs Break Silence for Arson Victims As Protestants Stand Fast at Drumcree

By Warren Hoge New York Times Service

RASHARKIN, Northern Ireland --A day after Orangemen in their bowler hats staged their jamety annual parades throughout Northern Ireland, a procession with an anguished pace fol-lowed three small coffins up a hillside road to a country churchyard here.
Inside the white caskets with the

brass nameplates on top were the bodies of Richard Quinn, 11, and his brothers Mark, 10, and Jason, 9. They were burned to death in their beds in the early hours of Sunday morning by a firebomb thrown in the ground floor window of their two-story row house in

nearby Ballymoney.

Among the few Catholics in a predominantly Protestant housing project, the boys were the latest victims of this conflicted province's sectarian violence, which in years of carnage has claimed the lives of more than 3,200 people. Two men have been arrested in the boys' deaths, and one of them is

suspected of links to a fringe Protestant

paramilitary group.

"The news of the deaths of these three boys has touched the hearts of people across the continents," the Reverend Peter Forde told mourners who thronged every aisle and standing area of the Church of Our Lady and St. Patrick. A loudspeaker brought the Requiem Mass to people outside who could not fit in.

The church, a target of arsonists in past years, has stained glass rose win-dows that are fortified with metal

"Everyone here and thousands elsewhere are sharing this grief," Father

The sorrowful silence was broken only by sobs from friends and family members who stared out at the youths' caskets in pain and bewilderment. Chrissie Quinn, 29, the boys' mother, comforted by her remaining son Lee,

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Mourners carrying the coffins Tuesday of three young brothers killed by an arson attack in Northern Ireland.

### Japan Leaders' Dilemma: Save Economy, or Save Themselves

Secret Jawboning to Select a New Prime Minister

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

TOKYO - As Japan chooses a new prime minister, the procedure somewhat resembles a traditional village market in which hawkers bargain over their wares, in this case their favorite candidates to run the world's second largest economy.

Then again, a marketplace is open and anyone can see what is going on.

The Liberal Democratic Party has announced that on Tuesday it will select its new president who will then become prime minister—so the party's factions are building about visible exert meetings and tense negotiations. Yet, so far none of the contenders have actually announced their candidacy for the prime minister's job, because it is considered poor manners for a political aspirant to step forward on his own; the better bred pretend to

The key figures in choosing the country's next

leader are the elders of the party factions, which, just to make things murkier, officially were abandoned a few years ago and no longer exist. These kingmakers, like former Prime Minister Vooborg

Takeshita and former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, rarely say much in public but command

great influence in the negotiations.

"It's an underground process of sounding people out and building a consensus," said Keizo Takemi, a Liberal Democrat member of Parliament. "It's not clear-cut decision-making, but it's

very effective for the Japanese people."

Still, the shadowy nature of the selection process creates a problem for the Liberal Democrats. Party officials like Mr. Takemi believe that the behindthe-scenes activity is necessary, but they also worry that it may anger voters — and voter anger is on people's minds these days, since it is the reason why the prime minister's job is available.

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#### But Angry Voters Are Making Their Message Clear

By Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan Washington Post Service

TOKYO - Angry voters sent the ruling Liberal Democratic Party a blunt command to save the nation's ailing economy, but there is growing concern here that party members seem more concerned with saving their own political skins.

The ruling party members are now in intense back-room discussions about who will replace Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, who resigned Monday to take responsibility for the party's defeat. But several party members interviewed Tuesday said that many of their colleagues were more concerned about selecting someone who has the best chance of leading the party to victory in the next election than selecting a premier who can led the nation out of economic disaster.

In addition, there is confusion within the Liberal Democrats about what voters were saying. Some interpreted the defeat as saying that there was too

much painful reform going on. This has made them even more reluctant to agree to painful but necessary economic changes, such as closing down teetering banks that are a drain on the economy. Bank closures add to joblessness, because bank employees wind up on the street, and small businesses that rely

on them for cash flow also often go bankrupt. International investors and world leaders had been hoping that the voters' jolt would force the Japanese leadership to move more swiftly - not more cautiously - to rescue the nation's critically ill economy. Reviving Japan is key to rescuing the ailing Asian region, while any worsening of Japan's financial mess is seen as a threat to Wall

For weeks, Japanese leaders had promised President Bill Clinton that after the election Japan would push through the Parliament the stronger medicine needed for the economy, instead of just

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### Loan to Russia Leaves IMF Short of Cash For New Crises

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Following the new financial bailout for Russia, the International Monetary Fund and other multilateral lending institutions face a real possibility of being caught short on funds should another major crisis crupt, according to analysts and U.S. officials.

The IMF, its financial strength depleted by the Asian crisis, would have to borrow from its richest members to pay for a new bailout

The \$11.2 billion in new loans being povided by the Fund to Russia this year, plus the possibility of an additional

Loans lift Russian stocks. Page 15.

\$2.6 billion next year, would just about wipe out the money available from the Fund's main financing pool, IMF of-

As a result, Michel Camdessus, managing director of the Fund, said that the loan package to Russia would largely tap a backup credit line from 11 of the largest industrial countries, including the United States. The American share is expected to be \$2.1 billion.

'ae - described by a senior American wificial on Monday as a "spare fuel tank" - since 1978. Tapping the IMF emergency fund to

The Fund has not had to use the credit

aid Russia requires permission from the United States and 10 other industri-

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RONALDO RETURNS — Ronaldo arriving at a reception for the Brazil team at the presidential palace in Brasilia on Tuesday. He was reported to have had a seizure before the World Cup final. Page 20.

#### AGENDA

#### Victim of Runaway Car at Cup Party Dies

The Associated Press PARIS - One of the bystanders hit by a car driven by a panicked driver during celebrations after the French World Cup soccer victory has died, hospital officials said Tuesday. The patient, who was not iden-

tified, died at Beaujon Hospital in Clichy, pear Paris, a spokesman for the public hospitals of Paris said.

Stocks Set Record

Strong corporate earnings reports. as well as government economic re-ports, helped stocks rally to a record on Tuesday. The Dow Jones indus-rial average closed 149.33 points higher at 9,245.54. That was above the record close of 9,211.84, reached May 13. Page 14.

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Thirty-three people are still hos-pitalized from the incident, which occurred early Monday morning when a woman, apparently panicked by the crowd pounding on her vehicle, plowed into the revelers. About 80 people were injured in the incident, which took place after

France had defeated Brazil in the World Cup final. The Dollar

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### **Wilv Game of Gun Trade Exploits Legal Loopholes**

A Complex Web of Buyers, Sellers and Routes

By Raymond Bonner New York Times Service

An athletic-looking Dane, with blond hair, blue eyes and an arrest warrant for armed robbery, hires a British arms dealer with a colorful résumé.

In Latvia, they buy a Russian cargo plane and have it flown to Bulgaria where it is loaded with 77 cases of weapons, including 300 assault rifles, ammunition, pistols, hand grenades and

rocket launchers. The plane then heads east to India. When if gets over the village of Purulia. near Calcutta, the weapons are shoved out and drift down under parachute rigging bought in South Africa.

The deal is financed out of Hong Kong. The intended recipient is a violent religious sect.

However fictional it might sound, this was a real-life arms shipment, one that reveals the circuitous measures terrorists and rebel groups employ to get weapons, and how relatively easy it is for them to do so. It also illustrates the almost complete lack of international controls on the small-arms trade.

In Oslo on Monday, 21 governments opened a meeting to discuss measures to deal with a spread of assault rifles, pistols, grenades and other so-called small arms. Generally, it is not a crime for a weapons dealer to get around the arms-

control laws of his country by having the weapons shipped from another

"It's a huge loophole," said Ger-

In a first step, U.S. joins 20 nations to seek small-arms curbs. Page 10

aldine O'Callaghan, an analyst at the British American Security Information Council, an independent group that lob-bies on small-arms issues. "It needs to

be addressed urgently."
In the United States, the Clinton administration closed this loophole two years ago by giving the State Department greater authority to monitor and regulate arms brokers.

As a result, American arms dealers are now subject to the same laws wheth-

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### **Coming Poll** In Cambodia Is Assailed As 'Flawed'

**U.S.-Backed Groups** Cite Hun Sen's Control Over Army and Media

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches PHNOM PENH — The groups that will assess the credibility of Cambodia's coming elections for the United States said Tuesday that the process leading up to the polls was "funda-mentally flawed."

Prime Minister Hun Sen's Cambod-

ian People's Party enjoys exclusive control over the military, security forces, civil service, electronic media and electoral administration, the groups said.

They also noted political violence and intimidation, especially in the countryside, with no efforts by the authorities to arrest those responsible.

But a delegation for the groups, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and the International Republican Institute, said they would send observers to Cambodia to monitor the elections despite their concerns.

The two groups are Washington-based nonprofit organizations that have worked to strengthen democracy in Cambodia since 1992.

"The process leading up to the elec-tions scheduled for July 26 is fundamentally flawed," the groups said in a statement following a fourth assessment of Cambodia's political environment since Hun Sen ousted Prince Norodom Ranariddh as his co-prime minister in a coup last year.

The findings of the two groups are expected to weigh heavily in Washington's analysis of Cambodia's elections. They have been at odds with most members of the UN-coordinated team observing the election. That group represents 34 countries and includes the European Union, which is the largest single foreign donor to the election, which is estimated to cost \$27 million.

The U.S.-backed groups said they took into account not only the campaign period but also the larger political en-vironment in which the elections are taking place and the effects of that environment on the electoral process.

The U.S. delegation warned that "acquiescence to seriously flawed elections will only contribute to a deterioration of the political environment and undermine genuine efforts to advance Cambodia's democracy."

In an effort to win back legitimacy and aid, Mr. Hun Sen is allowing Prince for nine months after he was deposed, to take part in the general election.

The U.S.-backed delegation noted that despite the obstacles, political parties and prospective voters were actively participating in the electoral pro-cess, and that the "outcome is not a forgone conclusion and it merits international attention."

It recommended that the international community deploy as many election monitors as possible. "The international community, which encouraged the exiled political opposition to return and participate in the campaign, should closely monitor the entire election proit wrote. "This should include monitoring the postelection period."

The United States has said it would issue an independent judgment of whether Cambodia's elections are free and fair and will not be bound by the assessment of the UN-coordinated observers.

Washington has already taken a harder line than other countries involved, refusing to supply direct elec-tion aid to Mr. Hun Sen's government. Meanwhile, on the campaign trail, Prince Ranariddh denied allegations

that he and his royalist Funcingec party were building up an illegal army before the elections. Last week, government officials said they were investigating reports that the prince was trying to mobilize troops, which would be a violation of Cambodia's political party (AP, AFP, Reuters)

### The Sultan's Birthday Party Will Go On

#### Even Though Brunei Has a Few Embarrassments Amid the Asian Crisis

By Thomas Fuller nional Herald Tribune

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN. Brunei - Workers in bright orange uniforms scrubbed the streets and sidewalks of this oil-rich town Tuesday, the eve of lavish birthday celebrations for

one of the world's richest men.
The Sultan of Brunei turns 52 on Wednesday, and this country of 300,000 plans to celebrate as it always has: with a month of parties and nightly con-

All of this might not have raised eyebrows in years past. But this year's festivities take place against a particular backdrop. Reports have surfaced in the past few weeks of billion-dollar losses at one of Brunei's largest companies. The price of oil - the very foundation of the economy - has plummeted by 40

percent in a year. And, not least, Brunei's neighbors are engulfed in the regional economic crisis. We are in full recession," said a Western banker in Brunei who did not

want to be named. "I'm not sure the priorities are set the way they should

During the boom years, this country's flamboyance — the royal family's palaces, parties and private jets - fit with the rising economies of Asia and their unabashed appetite for luxury goods. But the party is over for most of Southeast Asia, and now Brunei appears

While Indonesian leaders talk of democratic reforms, Brunei remains officially under a state of emergency that was declared in 1962. (The country's brief flirtation with democracy ended with its last elections, held in 1968.) As

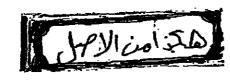
Thailand restructures its financial sector, in Brunei it is still a crime publicly to estimate the country's international currency reserves — a crime punishable by three years in prison.

Bankers and diplomats here say Brunei's finances are so opaque that only a handful of top advisers to the Sultan know what belongs to the family and what belongs to the state.

"In terms of constitutional history, Brunei is somewhere in the early Tudor period, between Henry VII and Henry VIII," says Al Troner, managing director of the Asia Pacific Energy, a consulting firm. "There is no clear separation between the privy purse and the national treasury.'

The government issues little in the way of economic data, making it dif-

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### Mother and Son Are Arrested in an Extraordinary Tale

By Robert D. McFadden and Frank Bruni

TEW YORK - Wherever she went, flaunting her bad wigs and paste diamonds and hostile charm, something seemed to disappear: a neighbor's wristwatch in Las Vegas, a car from a dealer's lot in Honolulu, a mink coat from a piano bar in Washington. Then, it was people who van-

There were the Mexican women taken for slaves in her homes in California, Hawaii and Nevada, There was the banker in the Bahamas who met her for dinner and was never seen again. There was the Los Angeles businessman who knew enough to be terrified of her. He was found

And last week, after the 63-year-old grifter calling herself Sante Kimes had come to New York with her son, Kenneth Kimes Jr., 23, it was Irene Silverman, an elderly, eccentric million-aire who disappeared in what the authorities call a not-so-mysterious plot to take over her fortune and her Manhattan town house.

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Mrs. Silverman, an 82-year-old widow, was probably killed, officials say, and while her body has not been found, the police say they have virtually solved the crime and have had the suspected killers in custody since hours after Mrs. Silverman vanished a week ago. The Kimeses were seized in midtown on an unrelated warrant, along with documents that the authorities say suggested an extensive history of both subtle and violent crime.

"They are the most ingenious, evil con artists we've seen in a long time," a senior law-enforcement official said as a task force of New York and federal investigators sought to piece together what they characterized as a huge mosaic of fraud, theft, arson and murder that reached across the United States and into the

But behind the record of crimes and its litany of dates, places and victims, lies another story, as a review of court records and more than two dozen interviews with former acquaintances, law-enforcement officials and others show. about a tyrannical mother and a malleable son caught in a love-hate relationship and in a per-ilous dance of scams, aliases and life on the

It is a strange story of a family that ex-perienced poverty and riches; that had several luxurious homes but staffed them with indentured servants; that owned motels and a construction company but often acted penurious: that fought endless battles, in court and out, with insurance companies that believed Mrs. Kimes was trying to scam them.

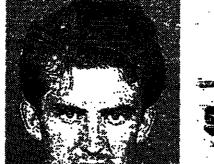
THE CENTRAL characters are an outrageously flamboyant mother with a dark and secretive side, stealing things endlessly, obsessed with manipulating and controlling others; her husband, an older man, sometimes drunk, often remote but seeming to have cared deeply about his son, and the boy who was caught between them.

ho was caught between men.

Sante Kimes had a criminal record dating to and scams. Two of her houses were burned -- one of them twice - in what authorities called suspicious fires to collect insurance. She had aliases and phony papers to keep creditors at bay.

No formal charges have yet been filed against Sante Kimes and her son in the disappearance of Mrs. Silverman; in the slaying of David Kadzin, who was found dead in Los Angeles last March; in the 1996 disappearance of Syed Bilal Ahmed in the Bahamas, or in a recent series of arson, theft and fraud cases in which one or both are suspects. For now, they are being held in New York without bail for an Aug. 6 hearing on a charge of defrauding a Utah car dealer. But many people who knew Mrs. Kimes said she simply had a compulsion to steal.

Sherry Meade, a Las Vegas accountant who was the family's bookkeeper in 1993 and '94, said Mrs. Kimes was remarkably up front about that.



### REWARD \$11,000



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Kenneth Kimes, above left, and his mother, Sante Kimes, left, are believed to have an extensive history of subtle and violent crime.

'I'm a crook --- don't trust me," she quoted Mrs. Kimes as having said.

'She'd tell you that right up front. She thought it was funny. To her it was like a game of Monopoly. She just liked to do it, and when she got away with it, she was as happy and excited as

Court records indicate that Sante Kimes was born Sandra Louise Walker in Dust-Bowl Oklahoma in 1935. She grew up in Las Vegas. Her earliest arrest record was for petry theft in Sacramento in 1961, and more followed: larceny, auto theft and other crimes in Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and Palm Springs, California, and elsewhere.
In the 1970s, she married Kenneth Kimes, a

businessman 16 years her senior. For 20 years. he had owned a construction company that built motels in California, and he owned at least five

The marriage changed the fortunes of Sante, as she began to call herself. Over time, she and Jolla and Santa Barbara, California, and Las Vegas. In 1975, when Mr. Kimes was 56 and his wife was 40, she gave birth to their only son, Kenneth Kimes Ir.

The family spent much of its time at a beach-front house in Honolulu. Charles Catterlin, a lawyer who represented Mrs. Kimes in Hawaii, recalled visiting her "spacious and absolutely beautiful" home. He also said he was cheated out of \$12,000 in legal fees and expenses.

Once, he said, she stole a white Cadillac from a dealer in Honolulu, and later tried to bilk an insurance company for \$100,000, saying she had lost an antique quilt.

On a visit to Washington, in 1980, Mrs. Kirnes was arrested at her hotel with a \$6,500 mink coat she had stolen from a piano bar. Using medical excuses, she succeeded in delaying the trial for five years, but she was eventually convicted in absentia. In 1980, the Kimeses moved to Las Vegas and bought a two-story, 4,000-squarefoot (370 square meter) house.

From the start, the Kimeses were regarded with suspicion, and 18 years later the animosity lingers. A day after moving in, with no phone yet installed, Mrs. Kimes went next door to make a call, said the neighbor, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Right afterward, his Bulova wristwatch was missing, he said.

OR SEVERAL YEARS in the early '80s, Kenny's mother did not send him to \*80s, Kenny's momer and not some school. Instead, she hired tutors who accompanied the family on their travels. One tutor, Cynthia Montano, went with the family from Las Vegas to California and then to

in Mexico City, she said, she was told to roam poor sections and find teenage girls who spoke no English to work for the Kimeses as maids. She be well paid and cared for, given regular days off and allowed to call home.

At least eight young Mexican women were lured away and smuggled into the United States by the Kimeses, usually one or two at a time, over several years. Mr. and Mrs. Kimes were arrested in August 1985, on federal charges of enslaving the maids. Seven testified in February 1986 that they were never paid, were allowed no days off and were not permitted to leave or contact relatives.

Mr. Kirnes pleaded guilty to a reduced charge that he knew of the offenses and did nothing about them — and was given a three-year suspended sentence and ordered to pay a \$70,000 fine. But his wife was sentenced to prison and was not released until 1989. In the fall of 1993, Kenny enrolled at the University of California at Santa Barbara, and in 1994, his father died, apparently of natural causes, after several years

of failing health. The size of his estate and how it was disposed of is unclear, investigators say.

At college, Kenny Kimes's own violent streak surfaced. In November 1995, a student, Carrie Louise Grammer, filed for a restraining order

against him, saying he had become abusive.

She also maintained that Mr. Kirnes had "hit his ex-girlfriend" and had bearen another student so badly that he had to be hospitalized. Mr. Kimes denied these charges, and a state judge told him and Ms. Grammer to stay away from

Y 1996, Kenny had dropped out of college, and in September 1996, the mother and son were staying in Nassau, the Bahamas, when Syed Bilal Ahmed, 55, a native of Bahrain and an officer of the First Cayman Bank in the Cayman Islands, began investigating irregularities at a First Cayman subsidiary, the Gulf Union Bank in Nassau, investigators say.

Relatives of Mr. Ahmed's said he had been approached by the Kimeses about an on-line business venture. On his last trip to Nassau, his family said, Mr. Ahmed was accompanied by the Kimeses. Dong Hanna, chief of the criminal investigative unit of the Royal Bahamas Police, confirmed that Mrs. Kimes later went to the Gulf Union Bank in Nassau and saw Mr. Ahmed.

Mr. Ahmed's family said he had an appoint-ment to dine that night with Mrs. Kimes. But he disappeared and was never seen again. By the time the police learned that Mr. Ahmed had met with Sante Kimes, the woman and her son were gone.

Then, late last year, investigators say, Sante Kimes, trying to cash in on the unused Las Vegas house, began a series of complex financial transactions. Since 1992, the house had been listed in the name of Mr. Kadzin, the Los Angeles businessman, to keep it out of reach of creditors. Martin Handweiler, a lawyer and longtime friend of Mr. Kazdin, said Mr. Kazdin had signed a deed for the Las Vegas property as a favor for the elder Mr. Kimes.

Mrs. Kimes went to a Florida bank and took out a \$200,000 mortgage on the house. After obtaining the money, she again changed the name on the title. The new owner became Frank McCarren, an indigent man she found in a Las Vegas homeless shelter.

In mid-January, investigators, said, Mrs. Kimes took out fire insurance on the home in Mr. McCarren's name. The house was then beavily damaged in a fire on Jan. 31. Arson experts found that fires had been deliberately set.

The insurance scam unraveled when Mr. Mc-Carren told investigators that Mrs. Kimes had held him captive, beat him and forced him to memorize prepared lies for the inevitable questions.

Meantime, the Florida bank that had given a mortgage on the house contacted Mr. Kadzin, who said he had not applied for any mortgage. Mr. Kadzin, 64, who had known Mrs. Kimes for 20 years, was terrified of her, his family said.

And when Mr. Kazdin was found shot to death last March 14, suspicion fell on the Kimeses, whose whereabouts were unknown.

Before leaving the West Coast in April, they bought a green 1997 Lincoln Town Car from a dealer in Cedar City, Utah, who agreed to take bought other cars from him without problems. It was delivered to Los Angeles, and Sante Kimes paid for it with a check that bounced.

The dealer filed a complaint, but the Kimeses

and the car were gone. By mid-June, mother and son were in New York, where Kenneth, using a phony reference, rented a \$6,000-a-month apartment in the town house of Mrs. Silverman.

By early July, investigators said, the pair had forged the paperwork to take over her money and town house. On July 5, Mrs. Silverman dis-

That evening, as Sante and Kenneth Kimes returned to the New York Hilton, they were arrested - not for murder, arson or any of the countless scams of which they are suspected. They had been tripped up by the Utah car. dealer's bad-check complaint.

# Israel Scoffs At UN Bid to **Halt Greater** Jerusalem

Agence France-Presse JERUSALEM - Israel dismissed on Tuesday a UN Security Council dec-laration against its plans to create a Greater Jerusalem, while the Palestin-ians regretted the lack of any concrete action to stop the project.

A government spokesman, Moshe
Fogel, said Israel had no intention of

changing the widely condemned project since it did not alter the status of the city, despite the UN statement, which was backed by the United States. We respect the different points of

view but we can't freeze development of the city until all aspects of the peace process are complete." Mr. Fogel said.
"We will not allow our sovereignty to

be eroded in the city."
Mr. Fogel said the 15-member Seenrity Council's declaration labelling the project "a serious and damaging development" had "limited mean-

This should be put into perspective since we're talking about a statement read out, not a resolution," he said.

In its statement on the project, which involves annexing several Jewish townships to the west of the city to boost the city's population by another 30,000 Jews, the council asked Israel "not to take any other steps that would prejudice the outcome of the permanentstatus negotiations" on the city's fate.

Israel considers Jerusalem its "eter-nal, undivided capital," while Palestinians want to establish the capital of a future independent state in East Jerusalem, which Israel captured and an-

nexed in 1967. Palestinians hailed the declaration but expressed disappointment at the absence of concrete action to stop the

\*It is a political and moral condemnation of the Israeli government." said the Palestinian cabinet secretary general, Ahmed Abdel Rahman.

"But it should be a step toward an international decision forcing Israel to cease its policies of expanding settlements, whether inside or outside Jerusalem," Mr. Abdel Rahman said.

He said the declaration "partly responds to Palestinian demands but does not include any mechanism to force Israel not to implement its decision."

An Israeli Foreign Ministry statement said the cabinet decision on the holy city was "municipal in nature and is intended to extend Jerusalem's municipal jurisdiction only to areas to the west. The statement adopted by the Security Council ignores these facts," it

President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt welcomed the UN declaration. "The Security Council, and the U.S. representative there, have for the first time sided with justice and come out with a strongly worded communique."

Mr. Mubarak warned that the "only alternative to peace in the Middle East is war" and blamed Israel for the deadlock in the peace process.

The Arab League secretary general.
Esmat Abdel Meguid, said the UN state ment was "a real reflection of the danger posed by the Israeli govern ment's plan to expand the municipal boundaries of Jerusalem."

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, said the declaration was "the appropriate response to the present circumstances."

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### Strike Halts Most Greek Trains

ATHENS (AP) - Strikes halted most train travel in Greece on Tuesday, while a continuing job action by pilots contributed to delays at the Athens airports.

Workers protesting a proposed privatization of the state railroad allowed only one train to leave Athens for each of certain destinations. The strike, part of protests that began in the spring, did not affect northern Greece. Flight delays attributed to air traffic congestion continued

at the Athens airport, but they were aggravated by a pilots' dispute with the government over pay. The Olympic Airways pilots, who are taking part in a work-to-rule action, resumed talks with government officials. Employees of the state-run tourist organization also went

on strike to oppose a planned restructuring.

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#### Wildcat Move Snarls Rome Traffic

ROME (AP) - A wildcat strike by bus and Metro workers Tuesday disrupted Rome's traffic and stranded thousands of

The walkout, over new contract terms, was called as a series of transport strikes nationwide threatened to disrupt travel throughout Italy during the week.

#### Germany Drafts Rail Service Cuts

FRANKFURT (AFP) - The German state railroad plans to cut several services late this year, particularly in Bavaria and in the Eastern Germany, the Sueddeutsche Zeitung reported Tuesday, citing a draft of the winter timetable.

Among the services to be cut, the newspaper said, was the only evening train between Constance and Stuttgart, the early morning Munich-Salzburg route and the late evening Salzburg-Munich connection.

British Airways and the Polish state airline LOT will begin offering joint flights Aug. 10. The airlines will offer eight weekly flights between Manchester and Warsaw, with both carriers offering three weekly return services each, as well as on LOT's two return flights per week connecting Gatwick with Gdansk. Poland. The agreement includes a linkup of mileage award programs.

European Union nations collected \$155.2 billion in receipts from nonresident tourism last year, up 1.3 percent from \$153.2 billion a year earlier, the EU's statistics office reported Friday. Italy earned more from tourism that any other EU nation, with a yearly total of \$28.5 billion, even though the number of foreign vacationers fell 4.3 percent

#### **WEATHER**

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#### THE AMERICAS

### Outpost Loses Its Cherished Isolation

### Alaskan Harbor Town's Roads Led Nowhere, but Not for Long

By Timothy Egan

WHITTIER, Alaska — On rare days when the clouds lift, it is still hard to see why anyone would want to live in this toenail of a port at the foot of a glacier on Prince William Sound, It rains more than 15 feet a year - and snows another 10 - and the town has the sort of whybother feel that is common to places where snow will soon cover whatever rusted appliance has been left to the

But when the train departs, leaving Whittier alone at the edge of the world, it is evident why 250 or so people have chosen to live in a bombproof tower in a town that is an asterisk in World War II

Surrounded by mountains on three sides and the sea on the other, Whittier is that rare American town with no road connecting it to the rest of the world. "People move here to get away from

said Don Grande, who has lived in Whittier for two years. "But that's not going to be the case any-

As he spoke, bulldozers and tunnelboring machines, cranes with bridge parts and trucks loaded with gravel growled a few miles away, clawing a costly road to Whittier.

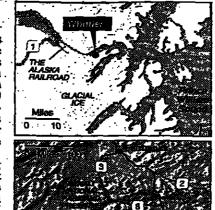
Many people here say they do not want the road, but it is favored by the tourism industry, and Alaska's powerful congressional delegation. So state and federal taxpayers are spending \$70 million to build about five miles (eight kilometers) of road to a town that got along without one for more than 50

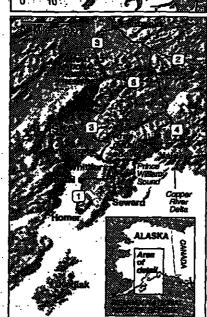
When the road is opened in two years, connecting Whittier to the main highway running to Anchorage, state of-ficials expect that 1.4 million people a year will use it. And then Whittier, a a church Its 3-foot-thick concrete walls town with one public bathroom and no gasoline station, will be, perhaps, not unlike any other dot on the map.

"Right now, we are so hidden here that if you turned out the harbor lights you couldn't find us," said Carrie Williams, the city manager, a title that is perhaps overblown for a burg that is little more than a harbor and a 14-story apartment tower built to take a hit by Japanese

Whittier was a creation of the U.S. Army during World War II. The military was looking for an ice-free, year-round port, close to Anchorage, but one largely hidden from view. Whittier became a staging area for the fierce fighting that eventually took place on the Aleutian Islands, the only part of the United States to experience ground battles during the

The army built two towers to house men whose needs did not run to high aesthetics, and then it blasted a path for a railroad track through the mountains, of more than 1,000. When the Army over wetlands and on to Anchorage, pulled out in 1960, however, the town ready for it. Sometimes, about 45 miles away. One tower has nearly died. It has been revived by tourget what you asked for."





been abandoned; it sits gray and oddlooking against the gravel and scruffy alder bushes at the edge of town.

The city manager says there is no use fretting about the lost Whittier way of life. "It's coming, and change is going to be radical. We might as well try our best to get ready for it."

withstood the 1964 earthquake - the strongest recorded in North America -which sent tsunami waves that destroyed other towns on Prince William Sound. The entire town looks something like a space colony on a planet where it never

stops raining.
Once, Whittier had a peak population

off from here in kayaks to explore the myriad wonders of Prince William

But above all, Whittier has had splendid isolation — a commodity that has considerable value in Alaska, a big land

with few roads Throughout the state, there are passionate struggles raging over plans to build roads in places where none exist. To the southwest, a plan supported by

Alaska's congressional delegation would punch a road through a protected wilderness area in Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. The road would cost an estimated \$40 million, and, if approved, it would mark the first time that Congress has authorized a road into an area signated as wilderness. Supporters say it is needed to provide emergency access to a pair of small villages on the outskirts

To the south, another road is planned across the biggest wetland on the West Coast - the estuary of the Copper River Delta. Fishermen, who rely on prodigions salmon runs on the Copper River, have been staging protests in opposition to the road. But supporters, led by Representative Donald Young, Republican of Alaska, say the road is needed for loggers who plan to cut down a large section of trees in the area.

And a third road, which is planned for the nearly six million acres (2.5 hectares) of Denali National Park and Preserve, is being promoted by Senator Frank Murkowski, Republican of Alaska Park officials say the money for the road could be better spent else-

looking against the gravel and scruffy alder bushes at the edge of town.

The other tower houses most of the residents of Whittier, as well as City Hall, a country store, a travel agency and a church has a fact thick research will be read to Whittier is beyond the theoretical stage. It will give residents of Anchorage, the home to half the population of Alaska, a quick route to boat moorages on Prince William Sound.

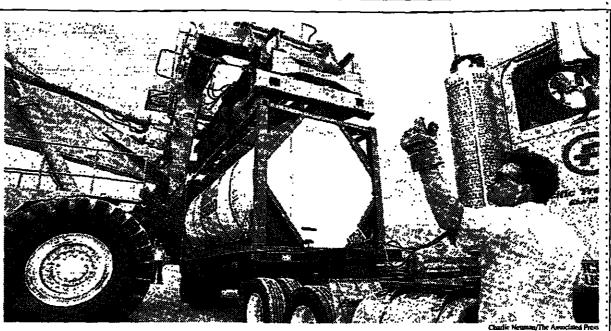
gloom and low clouds, the dark and the isolation, do not seem to welcome the change, although the town council is on record as favoring the road. "I'm worried it's going to pollute our salmon run," said Donna Lagod, who operates an espresso stand near the railroad tracks. The train comes to Whittier several times a day.

"A lot of people are worried about us losing our privacy," said Ms. Lagod. "But they've been putting in all this fiber-optic cable, and that's pretty much taken our privacy right there anyway."

A resident of Whittier for 10 years,

Tim Esmonde, said, "Prince William Sound is finally getting fixed from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and now you're going to put all these people here with nowhere to go."

The city manager, Ms. Williams, says there is no use fretting about the lost Whittier way of life. "It's coming, and change is going to be radical," she said. 'We might as well try our best to get ready for it. Sometimes, God forbid, you



POLITICAL NOTES

BOMBS AWAY - A worker at the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base in California supervising the loading of a napalm container onto a train for transport to a weapons destruction facility in Texas .

#### Away From Politics

- Florida began sending firefighters home as fresh crews moved in to mop up hot spots. Governor Lawton Chiles said the fires were mostly contained.
- Heavy rains at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, sent streams over their banks, washing away bridges, cars and houses and killing at least two people. At least two were injured. (AP)
- A man convicted of a 1981 rape and murder smiled broadly and mouthed reassurances to friends as he was

executed by injection at St. Quentin Prison in California. Thomas Thompson, 43, went to his death proclaiming that he was innocent in the sexual assault and death of 20-yearold Ginger Fleischli.

• No cooling relief was in sight in Dallas, where there have been eight straight days of 100-plus Fahrenheit (38-plus centigrade) readings and at least seven heat-related deaths. About 15 people, maybe more, are reported to have died of heat-related causes in Dallas County since June 1. Texas officials said this was just five shy of the record in the county that was established in the summer of 1980.

### **Education Tops U.S. Voters' Concern**

#### The people who live here through the Poll Finds Less Interest in Tobacco Legislation or Election Finance

By Dan Balz

and Claudia Deane Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - Edu-

cation leads the list of issues likely to influence the November midterm elections, but voters also see an agenda of big problems for Washington to tackle that includes Social Security, overhauling the tax system and protecting the rights of patients, according to a Wash-

ington Post-ABC News poll. But two issues that have consumed considerable time and energy in Washington -campaign finance reform and robacco legislation — rank rel-

atively low in voter priorities. These views are already and television commercials and on the standing of his prinaround the country. And over cipal antagonist, the independ-

the next few months, several issues high on voters' lists will dominate the congressional igenda as both parties jockey for position in the fall.

Four months before the elections, the American people continue to show their contentment with the state of the economy and with their elected leaders in Washington. Four in five voters say the economy is good, according to the poll, and half believe that the country is moving in the right direction.

President Bill Clinton's approval rating remains strong. at 63 percent, despite six months of scandal news, but the poll indicates that the Monica Lewinsky investigation has taken a toll on the presshaping campaign rhetoric ident's personal reputation —

ent counsel Kenneth Starr. About as many voters approve of the job Congress is cent to 45 percent). Asked to veyed said they approved.

The findings are based on a random telephone sample of 1,511 adults contacted from Thursday through Sunday. The margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The poll underscored why virtually every candidate running for office this year is talking about improving American schools. Four in five Americans called education an important issue, and slightly more than one in three said it could be the deciding issue when they vote in November.

But other issues rank high in importance. About two in three Americans surveyed cited Social Security, tax reform, crime and health care as or Republican for the House important to them. The broad in November, those registered issue of "moral decline" also troubles many people, accord- split almost evenly. ing to the poll. Slightly fewer important in their votes.

The lack of interest in campaign finance and teenage the person. Two in three Just 4 in 10 cited teenage his handling of the economy listed campaign finance reform as very important. Only handled foreign policy. But I in 10 said those issues

determining their votes. Democrats hold an edge over Republicans in public doing as disapprove (46 per- confidence to deal with education, Social Security and the rate the jobs their own rep- economy. The public also has resentatives in the House were more confidence in Demodoing, 70 percent of those sur- crats to protect the rights of patients, an issue with enough potency to cause Republicans in Congress to draft their own legislation, which will be debated this month.

Republicans hold a growng advantage on the nebulous issue of moral values. They have the edge on overhauling the tax system. Neither party has the advantage on the issue of crime, an issue that until the Clinton presidency was a clear winner for the Republicans.

Democrats hope to use their advantage on several of the key issues to gain seats in the House in November. Asked whether they were likely to support a Democrat voters who were surveyed

The Post-ABC poll demonion is divided on Bill Clinton the president and Bill Clinton smoking was equally striking, people surveyed approve of smoking and only one in three and a majority (54 percent) approve of how he has just one in three say Mr. Clinwould be the decisive ones in ton is honest and trustworthy.

### Secret Service to Try Delaying Tactic Over Testimony

By Roberto Suro and Peter Baker Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Despite serious doubts about the chances of success, the Justice Department has decided to ask a federal appeals court to reconsider its decision ordering Secret Service officers to testify in the Monica Lewinsky investigation, according to administration officials.

The department, which is representing the Secret Service in its fight with the independent connsel, Kenneth Starr, plans to file a notice asking the U.S. Court of Appeals for panel and hear the case banc, or as a full court, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

aside concerns of administration officials who president's life at any cost. favored dropping the court battle and seeking

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who oversees the Secret Service, prevailed by arguing that the fears of presidential assas-

ation raised by the agend law enforcement concerns that deserved ex-

haustive appeal. Mr. Starr declined to respond Monday. We don't have any comment at this time, said his spokesman, Charles Bakaly 3d.

The independent counsel wants to ask three Secret Service employees what they know about President Bill Clinton's ties to Ms. Lewinsky as part of his investigation into whether the president lied under oath when he denied having sex with the former White House intern and whether he also encouraged her to lie.

the District of Columbia Circuit to set aside the ruling issued last week by a three-judge for Mr. Starr's investigation and for the future of the Secret Service, which finds itself in the unprecedented position of balancing its duties as a law enforcement agency during a grand In pursuing an appeal, the department set jury investigation with its mission to guard the

Because the agents who guard the president legislation establishing a privilege of confidentiality for the president's protectors in could be powerful witnesses who could help clear up what, if anything, happened with Ms. Lewinsky. But the Secret Service argues that

ong them to dush as themselves up to danger.

By asking the appeals court to hear the case again instead of going directly to the Supreme of the Secret Service, had concluded that it Court, the administration is adding one more was time to ask Congress to draft a law judicial layer before what some see as the eventual showdown. But it may not mean any significant delay. If the appeals court acts on an expedited schedule, as the three-judge pan-el did, it could hear the dispute and rule before the Supreme Court convenes in October.

Even so, it is not at all sure that the appeals court would take the case again. Six of the 11 active judges must vote to rehear the case, and such hearings are rarely granted. Of the 732 cases resolved by the District of Columbia Circuit Court in the year that ended Sept. 30, the judges heard just two as a full court.

The Secret Service argument had been rejected by the chief U.S. District Court judge, Norma Holloway Johnson, before it was turned down by the panel of three appellate judges, and there is no certainty inside the administration that the full court would be more sympathetic. Mr. Rubin was told during a meeting Thursday with Attorney General violating its traditional code of silence would destroy presidents' trust in their protectors, have calculated that the odds weigh against

em, according to other Given that, several key officials at both

Justice and Treasury, including strong allies creating the "protective function privilege" that the courts have refused to recognize.

The appellate judges had suggested just such a course. "We leave to the Congress the. question whether a protective function privilege is appropriate in order to ensure the safety of the President and, if so, what the contours of that privilege should be," they wrote in their opinion last week.

The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Orrin Hatch, a Utah Republican and a strong supporter of Mr. Starr, said during a television interview Sunday that he would "do everything I can to cooperate with the Secret Service" and hold hearings next year to craft a "split-the-baby" compromise bill. "I would look for a legislative remedy."

Future legislation would not affect the Lewinsky investigation, however, and dropping the court fight would have allowed Mr. Start to bring Secret Service personnel before

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#### POLITICAL NOTES

#### Health Groups Set For More Oversight

WASHINGTON - A coalition of 25 health maintenance organizations says that it is willing to accept substantial federal regulation — much more than the Republican leaders of

Congress want. In a move that they said should restore public confidence in their industry as it is buffeted by sharp par-tisan attacks, the HMOs on Monday endorsed a series of guarantees, including coverage of emergency room care, grievance and appeal procedures for patients and assured access to medical specialists.

But the group said it was opposed to one major provision demanded by Democratic congressional leaders: a wide expansion of patients' ability to sue HMOs and insurance companies when medical benefits are improperly
degried (Reuters)

#### Alliance Blocks Bill On Land Disputes

WASHINGTON -- Most Democrats and a handful of Republicans have joined in blocking a major Re-

publican initiative to make it easier and quicker for property owners to take local land-use disputes to a fed-

A Republican leadership source said it was unlikely that the legislation would be brought up again this year in light of the crowded calendar for the rest of the 105th Congress.

The House had passed a similar bill last year by a vote of 248 to 178.

But the Senate fell eight votes short of the 60 needed to end debate and

bring the bill up for a vote.

The bill is one of several scaledback versions of legislation proposed in the House Republicans' 1994 "Contract With America" that are still under consideration by Congress. Another contract holdover, which would have put new constraints on product liability lawsuits, died last week in the Senate.

#### Quote/Unquote

Kweisi Mfume, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, saying that protecting the embattled affirmative action programs must remain at the top of the civil rights group's agenda: "We are not going to let these years of progress be taken away from us without a fight." (WP)

### The Race Case Saga

10 Years Later, Lawyer Wins Slander Suit Against the Advisers of Tawana Brawley

By William Glaberson New York Times Service

lawsuit to clear his name, a jury has declared that he was defamed when three advisers to a black teenager named Tawana Brawley accused him of kidnapping and rape, creating a racial storm that roiled the

New York area.

The plaintiff, Steven Pagones, called the verdict a bittersweet victory, for all the pain it had revived. But for the advisers, who vowed to appeal, it was clear that the verdict was just another chapter in a case with its own life that has come to symbolize the complexities of race relations in the United States.

and the verdict was an endorsement of a 1988 grand jury report that discredited Miss Brawley's ac-count and suggested that her advisers had taken part in a hoax. Miss Brawley, who was 15 at the

The trial lasted eight months,

with excrement and racial epithets etched on her body after she dis-appeared for four days in Novem-POUGHKEEPSIE, New York ber 1987. The grand jury report

Ten years after a white former suggested that she had conassistant district attorney filed a coctedthe story to avoid punishment from her stepfather for being out without permission.

The verdict wasa rebuke to the advisers, the Reverend Al Sharpton, C. Vernon Mason and Alton Maddox Jr. But after hearing the verdict against them, Mr. Hardy and Mr. Maddox left the court with their hands clenched together in the air, as if in victory. Mr. Sharpton, who was not in

court Monday, said later, "I didn't believe it to be a hoax then, and I don't believe it to be a hoax now."

A separate part of the trial to set damages was to begin Tuesday. Mr. Pagones, 37, is seeking \$395 million.

The case had been filed in 1988 against Miss Brawley and her three advisers. Miss Brawley never responded, and in 1991 a judge ruled that Mr. Pagones had won his case time, was found apparently dazed, against her by default.



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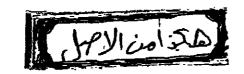
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THE WORLD'S DAILY NEWSPAPER



### He Urges Nation of Individualists to Retain World Cup Soccer Unity

By Craig R. Whitney

PARIS — Basking in the reflected glory of France's World Cup championship in soccer. President Jacques Chirac appealed to his compatriots on Bastille Day not to lose the upbeat vic-

tory spirit.

At heart, this victory showed solidarity and cohesion and showed that France had a soul, or more precisely was trying to find one," he said in a televised conversation with journalists at a reception in the garden of Elysee Palace.

The festivities quickly turned into yet another celebration of the French national team, Mr. Chirac's guests of honor who won the championship with a 3-0 victory over Brazil on Sunday night.

"I hope we keep a good part of this national feeling after these festivities." added Mr. Chirac, whose popularity has soared to the highest level in three years as the national mood improved, primed by an upswing in the economy.

The Socialist prime minister with

whom the conservative Mr. Chirac has had to share power since last year, Lionel Jospin, came to the festivities with half his government members and several thousand others.

Most of them were soccer tournament volunteers, athletes, low-ranking soldiers and sailors and students

Mr. Chirac invited to liven up the party. And they did, greeting the soccer

MIAMI - The Cuban-American

National Foundation has dismissed as

'baseless' a series of articles that

have appeared in The New York Times

in recent days about ties between lead-

ers of the group and a Cuban exile who

has acknowledged carrying out a series

The foundation said there was "no

At a news conference here Monday

at which he was flanked by leaders of

the organization, Jorge Mas Jr., a son of

the late founder of the group, described

the articles as part of an effort to weak-

en the foundation in order to end the

U.S. economic embargo against Cuba.

He also questioned whether an inter-

view with the exile commando leader.

Luis Posada Carriles, had taken place.

truth to any of the allegations made in

of bombings in Cuba last year.

team's arrival with an impromptu version of the national anthem, "Marseillaise," even before Mr. Chirac had finished the TV interview at the other end

of the garden. Later, both he and Mr. Jospin happily submitted to the crush of the crowd around the players as a recorded chorus of "We are the champions!" a long ago hit by the British rock group Queen,

rattled the palace. It may also have caused one of its former occupants, de Gaulle, who would not even let whisky into the place cause it was not French, to turn over

in his grave. Speaking of his sometimes uneasy "cohabitation" with Prime Minister Jospin. President Chirac said:

France should speak with one voice

to the world, and it does. Mr. Chirac was asked whether he thought the government, which took office June I last year, had brought about the economic recovery.

The president replied: "The govern-

ment shares responsibility."
But he then added: "The growth we

see now is due in large part to the efforts of the previous governments." The last two governments before Mr. Jospin's were headed by Mr. Chirac's

conservatives. The conservatives were defeated last year by a Socialist-led coalition that

promised to make jobs the priority. This policy substituted for the un-

In an interview with a Spanish-lan-

guage television station in Miami on

Monday that was later broadcast at the

news conference, Mr. Posada con-

firmed that he had talked with The

Times about his relationship with the

foundation and its leaders. But he

denied that foundation leaders had sup-

ported him financially or that he served

The Times article said that Mr.

Posada agreed to about six hours of

tape-recorded interviews in which he

said his efforts were supported fi-

nancially for more than a decade by

of any exile organization, and I don't

belong to the foundation," Mr. Posada

said in the television interview.

"I don't represent the armed wing

"I am an independent man, which

leaders of the foundation.

is why I call myself Solo."

as the armed wing of the movement.

popular deficit-cutting policies that the conservatives had insisted were needed to qualify France for

the European common currency. With the economic recovery, the Socialists were able to bring the deficit down to 3.1 percent of France's gross domestic product - just barely squeak-

ing in under the currency hurdle. Mr. Jospin, who is more popular than the president now, has said France should be able to get the deficit down to 2.3 percent this year.

"With 2.3 percent, we are still among the least good European performers," Mr. Chirac reminded voters on Tuesday. "And we still have to do a lot to

day. "And we still have to do a lot to reduce fiscal pressure."

That would mean cutting taxes,

something Mr. Jospin has hinted his government would do if and when it could, without making tax reductions a And with unemployment at 11.9 per-cent, Mr. Chirac said, "We should re-member that growth isn't enough to

reduce long-term unemployment, and that's a big problem." He also issued indirect criticism of Mr. Jospin's government for changing French immigration rules earlier this year, for the third time in a decade, in response to leftist criticism conservative policies were inhumanely strict. We should take a position and then

stick to it," he said. Mr. Jospin's new policies, which invited illegal immigrants to register and then told half of them they had to leave, have also been criticized by the Greens and Communists.

Still, with the sun shining and a fresh breeze blowing over the garden. Tuesday was another day for celebrating the symbolism of France's team, itself evidence of the racial and cultural integration of almost as many ethnic groups as there are in America.

Its key playmaker, Zinedine Zidane, a native of Algeria who grew up in Marseilles, got more cheers in Mr. Chirac's back yard than the president.

The team with the tricolor, Mr. Chirac noted, was itself multicolored — "a nice image of France," he said. "They showed an image of a France that wins, and wins together.

Earlier, he made the national soccer coach, Aime Jacquet, a chevalier in the Legion of Honor. This distinction is expected to compensate Mr. Jacquet, at least in part, for the criticism he endured from sports journalists in preparation for the quadrennial tournament, to which France was host this year.



Women in the Mexican province of Chiapas supporting Zapatista rebels at a wall with pro-rebel symbols.

BRIEFLY

#### Annan Denies UN Is Seeking To Mediate in Mexican Dispute

MEXICO CITY - Secretary-General Kofi Annan has denied that the United Nations was looking to mediate the conflict in Chiapas, even though he expressed concern over the fragile state of peace in Mexico's southernmost state.

Mr. Annan, in Brazil on the first leg of a 10-day visit to Latin America, said Monday some of his statements last week at a news conference in New York had been mis-interpreted. Mexico quickly rejected UN mediation.(NYT)

#### Nigerian Dissidents Demand Fast Transition to Democracy

LAGOS - A prominent Nigerian dissident group has threatened to boycott the government's soon-to-be-an-nounced plans for a transition to democracy, demanding that the transfer to civilian rule occur as scheduled on Oct. 1. The threatened boycott by the Joint Action Committee

on Nigeria comes amid reports that Nigeria's new military leader, General Abdulsalam Abubakar, will delay the handover to civilian rule.

The general is expected to announce the revised tran-

sition plans in a televised address later this week, perhaps as early as Wednesday. The new plans call for the military to hand over power on March 31, after elections are held, the Lagos-based This Day newspaper has reported. That report could not be immediately confirmed.

#### Dozens of Casualties Reported In Fighting in Guinea-Bissau

LISBON — Dozens of people have been reported killed and injured in recent fighting in the civil war between progovernment forces and rebels in the West African state of Guinea-Bissau, Portuguese television said on Tuesday.

Loyalists have been fighting the rebels since a military

revolt led by a former army commander broke out in the former Portuguese colony on June 7.

No independent confirmation of the casualties was available, but recent fighting has been reported. (Reuters)

#### For the Record

About 60 million Mexicans put their lives at risk each day by buying prepared food on the street, considered a leading source of 12 diseases that kill 60,000 people a year, a consumer group warned in Mexico City.

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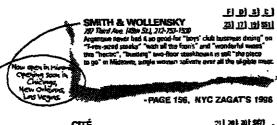
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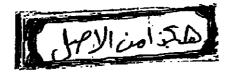
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### Senator Concludes U.S. Aided China's Military

#### Lott Cites New Information in Satellite Probe

WASHINGTON - Senate investi-Senate's majority leader, Trent Lott,

The Clinton administration's export controls for satellites are wholly inadequate," he said. In a Senate speech, Senator Lott also

called for a special prosecutor to inves-tigate what he called "serious and credible charges of direct Chinese financing' of 1996 Democratic campaigns. While declining to elaborate on what

he called "new information," Senator Lott, Republican of Mississippi, told the Senate that it "should remove all resistance to naming an independent counsel" to determine whether China sought to influence American politics.

Democrats immediately disputed what Senator Lott portrayed as an "in-

terim report" summarizing the Senate investigation into satellite exports to China. They suggested that the report had no input from Democrats.

The majority leader gave what I would view to be a pretty partisan re-port," said Tom Daschle, Democrat of South Dakota, the Senate minority leader. He said that many of the announced conclusions were "allegations that have

Senator Lott said his report was compiled from material gathered at 13 hearings by separate Senate committees.

#### ■ No Big Cases Reported

Don Van Natta Jr. and David Johnston of the New York Times reported earlier: Twenty-one months after accusations of illegal fund raising arose from President Bill Clinton's re-election campaign, law enforcement officials concede they have no big cases to show for their effort and express doubts that they will obtain evidence to warrant prosecution of senior White House or Democratic Party officials.

Officials say they are increasingly pessimistic that they will ever answer key questions at the heart of the inquiry whether there was a plot by the Chinese military behind contributions to the Democratic Party that may have been intended to help Beijing gain easier access to U.S. space technology, and whether any Democratic Party or White House officials knew of the Chinese effort.

Thus far, investigators have been stymied in their efforts to obtain the cooperation of witnesses in China.

The cases brought so far by the Justice Department's campaign-finance unit have centered on relatively low-level fund-raisers charged with illegally disguising overseas contributions through

The indictment Mon businesswoman, Pauline Kanchanalak, and her sister-in-law brings to eight the number of people who have been charged, and officials expect more to be

By Don Kirk

SEOUL - South Korea's search Tuesday

for North Korean commandos it believes

the vulnerability not only of that special

corner of the country but also of President

Kim Dae Jung's "Sunshine Policy" toward

hard-liner in the mold of every South Korean

"The government is trying to promote eco-

charged in the coming weeks. But the officials said that despite hun-

gators have determined that China received sensitive technology and military benefits from U.S. satellite exports, the their aides or Democratic Party leaders broke the law.

Whether such cases will be brought depends on the willingness of the fundraisers to plead guilty and testify against their superiors, the officials said.

The evidentiary value of that cooperation could prove only marginally useful. So far, only one defendant, the California businessman Johnny Chung, has cooperated. Although he provided what was apparently a link between the Chinese military and the Democratic Party, the officials said, it remained uncertain whether his information would implicate

vestigative leads are drying up.
"This task force is on a roll with four

new charges in the last six days," said Bert Brandenburg, a spokesman for the Justice Department. He cited tax charges last week against a California fundraiser, Maria Hsia, and fund-raising charges against Howard Glicken of Miami, as well as the indictments of Ms. Kanchanalak and her sister-in-law.

"White-collar cases take longer than any other types of cases," he said, adding, "And we are not done yet."



Wearing a kerchief and dark glasses for anonymity, an Indonesian displayed the debut issue of DeTak, a reborn weekly paper that was banned under President Suharto - who is on the cover, in a ninja mask.

# Jakarta Soldiers Arrested In Torture Investigation

### 7 Held in Abductions of Activists Under Suharto

Agence France-Presse

JAKARTA - Seven soldiers in Indonesia's special forces were arrested Tuesday for their alleged involvement in the kidnapping and torture of opposition activists, the state Antara news agency

The central military police commander, Major General Syamsu, said the sev-en soldiers were arrested in an investigation into incidents that allegedly occurred before the fall of President Suharto on May 21, Antara said.

General Syamsu declined to reveal their names, saying that the soldiers must be presumed not guilty until such time as they might be proved guilty. Antara said

He said 20 military men had been questioned so far about the kidnap-

On Monday, an armed forces spokes-man, Major General Syamsul Ma'arif, said some members of the special forces command, called Kopassus, had been found to be involved in nine cases of kidnapping and torture of political ac-

He said those involved had made "procedural errors" in carrying out the orders of a superior officer in trying to discover the roots of a radical move-

Several people have said they were abducted at gunpoint and subjected to days of torture, including electric shocks, beatings and having their heads

held under water. In May, Desmond Mahesa, a lawyer, told a press conference he was held for two mouths by "an organized group," and that after his release on April 3 he and his family were repeatedly warned to say nothing.

His captors, he said, had threatened him with "elimination" should be speak

Mr. Mahesa, 30, who heads the Nusantara private legal aid foundation, said he was abducted by two men shortly after he got off a public minibus in central Jakarta on Feb. 3. He was blindfolded and driven to an unknown place. where he was interrogated and tortured. "My hands were handcuffed to a chair, and my feet were handcuffed," he said. "I was given electric shocks and

The nine cases in which the seven soldiers were arrested all involved activists who are known to have returned

Up to 14 persons are still missing and unaccounted for, according to a civilian commission set up for the missing per-

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#### Accounts of Organized Rape

An Indonesian human rights organization said Tuesday that 20 women died after being raped during riots in May, Reuters reported from Jakarta. Sandyawan Sumardi, secretary of the Volunteers of Humanity, said he had spoken personally to 12 rape victims and

to dozens of witnesses Our organization has received 162 reports of rape," he said. Seventeen people died after being raped during riots on May 13-14, and three died later, according to a report compiled by the organization and presented to the Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights on Mon-

Nine of the victims were abandoned in burning buildings after being raped, the report said. Two committed suicide. Sôme died on the spot and others in hospitals, it said.

Accounts compiled for the report indicate that the rapes followed a pattern, suggesting they were organized, Anton Prajasto, a spokesman for Volunteers of Humanity, said.

He said that most of the victims were

ethnic Chinese, and that the attackers often arrived in trucks, with a few of the young men apparently taking charge.

Some in the group looted shops, while others assaulted women and in some cases girls as young as 9, often forcing relatives to watch. . The defense minister and chief of the

armed forces, General Wiranto, has said there was no proof of rapes during the riots but that the military was carrying out an investigation.

from prominent people governmental and religious organizations, including Abdurrahman Wahid, leader of Indonesia's largest Muslim

# Indonesia Inquiry Verifies Mass Rapes in Jakarta

Indonesia's National Commission on Human Rights recently concluded an inquiry into reports of rape and sexual abuse of women from the country's ethnic Chinese minority during the political and social turmoil that led to the resignation of President Suharto in May. In Jakarta, Marzuki Darusman, the commission's vice chairman, discussed the findings with Michael Richardson of the International Herald Tribune.

Q: What are the main conclusions of the inquiry into the rape attacks?

A: There is no doubt that mass rapes happened during the riots in Jakarta from May 12 to 14. We have concluded from the reports we received that there was a pattern of sexual violence against ethnic Chinese. Q: Is it true that the attacks continued

up until about 10 days ago? A: We have been told of a few such

O: Is the commission aware of reports that survivors, their relatives, witnesses and even doctors, hospitals and Indonesia? volunteers looking after the victims,

nomic exchange and trying to give the benefit of the doubt in dealing with North Korea," observed Han Sung Joo, a former foreign

minister. "These are reasonable and neces-

sary policies, but to put all these things under

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indicated that three others got ashore, ac-

Pyongyang denied on Tuesday that the

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#### Q&A / Marzuki Darusman

letters or phone calls ordering them not to say what happened?

A: In the interests of the well-being of the victims, we do not want to go into the details of each of the attacks. The victims have undergone a very traumatic experience, and they and their families must be protected.

Q: Was this the work of coordinated gangs working on instructions?

A: These were gang rapes. We have not established whether they were organized and operating according to a plan. The reports we have show that they were simultaneous acts committed by groups using similar methods of attack in different parts of Jakarta di- ally coming forward to inform the govattacks. They seem to be similar in rected mainly against ethnic Chinese, ernment of the rapes during those days. nature to those that occurred in the although some non-Chinese women

Q: Was the intent to intimidate the not provide security at that time? Chinese minority and drive it out of

A: The intensity and scale of the

body found Sunday was that of a North Korean agent. "We have nothing to do with the incident," a North Korean spokesman was

quoted as saying by the official Korean Cen-

tral News Agency in a report monitored in

The belief that commandos had infiltrated

the country was fueled by the incident three

The northeast is also where a North Korean

submarine went aground in September 1996,

disgorging 24 commandos and crew mem-

weeks ago in which a midget North Korean

have received anonymous threatening attacks amounted to terrorism. It was an assault on the dignity, well-being and

security of those who were targeted. Q: The armed forces and police say that they have not been able to find any evidence that rapes occurred, and that not a single victim has come forward to lodge an official complaint. How does that square with the commission's find-

A: We have not found any real difficulty in accessing witnesses and victims. We have simply noted that the government and security forces seem to be facing some constraints in gathering information on this matter. However, the minister for women's affairs informed us recently that people are now gradu-

A: We understand that there was a they anticipated that any attacks would calling for.

were thinly dispersed throughout the city. That was the main reason the government gave. Q: What should the government do

be against shops, malls and offices. There were more than 4,000 buildings

burned down. So the police and troops

A: We are calling for the estab-lishment of a national commission of investigation into the riots in a more coordinated and effective manner than can be done by individual inquiries by various government agencies. It is vital for the government to deal

with this matter in a way that reassures ethnic Chinese Indonesians, and persuade those of them who fled abroad after the riots to come back and resume their important role in the economy.

Q: There have been allegations that a faction in the armed forces was behind the gang rapes, and that its aim was to weaken the hold of the Chinese in the

evidence of this? A: Investigating that should be the severe shortage of manpower because task of the national commission we are

#### BRIEFLY

#### Another Blow for New Airport

HONG KONG - In another setback for Hong Kong's costly new airport, 12 people connected with the construction of its transportation network were arrested Tuesday on suspicion of bribery and comption.

Two shareholders, five engineers and five employees of subcontractors are accused of using substandard materials for the construction of a railroad station to the airport, the Independent Commission Against Corruption

The commission did not give details on those arrested in a series of raids or on the problems at the station. "The investigation revealed that they may have accepted bribes," said a commission spokeswoman, Valentina

#### Beijing Minister Visits Taiwan

TAIPEI - The first cabinet minister from China to set foot in Taiwan arrived Tuesday and said the visit would open the door for new cooperation between Taipei and

Beijing.

"I am very pleased to visit the motherland's precious island," the science and technology minister. Zim Lilan, said at Taipei airport, choosing language that carefully to sovereignty over Taidrove home Beijing's claim to sovereignty over Tai-

Mr. Zhu, leading a 14-member delegation to a seminar on cross-strait science and technology exchanges, was the first cabinet minister from Beijing to visit Taiwan since it became estranged from the mainland in 1949 through a

#### Guerrillas Kill 8 in India Clash

GUWAHATI, India — Tribal separatist guerrillas killed at least eight paramilitary soldiers on Tuesday in an ambush in India's mountainous northeastern state of Manipur, police said.

Manipur, ponce said.

The unidentified guerrillas, armed with guns, attacked a paramilitary road patrol party at Kotlang, about 30 kilometers (19 miles) from the state capital, Imphal, on

They shot and wounded several other soldiers, stole some weapons and escaped into nearby forests, police

Senior security officials rushed to the scene, along with reinforcements to search the area.

### Captains Get Jail for Oil Spill

SINGAPORE — The captains of two tankers involved in Singapore's worst oil spill were sentenced to brief jail. Jan Sokolowski, the Polish captain of the That su-

pertanker Orapin Global, was sentenced to two months for reckless navigation. Michael Chalkitis, the Greek captain of the Cyprus-registered Evoikos, was sentenced to three months. (Reuters)

#### the North, in the view of analysts here. suit was found washed ashore Sunday near a submarine was caught in a fishing net off the conservatives, who still form the vast majority major naval base at Donghae, about 190 ki-The question now being asked is whether east coast. From the nature of the wounds, the of the electorate here, and to guarantee the Mr. Kim, who began advocating rapprochelometers (115 miles) east of Seoul. four commandos aboard appeared to have defense of the northeast, studded with military ment with North Korea long before he was A semi-submersible craft plus oxygen killed the five others aboard before cominstallations and far removed from the nearest elected president on his fourth try in Decemtanks and other equipment, along with reports mitting suicide. American forces.

North Korean Raiders Dim the South's 'Sunshine Policy'

president since before the Korean War.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto was forced to resign Monday after voters gave the party a drubbing in parliamentary elections. The mew party leader will be chosen by the Liberal Democratic members of both houses of Parmain complaints of the voters were liament, but the key maneuverings economic mismanagement and the are not by individuals but by the kind of old-style politicking that the factions -- or the "former factions" party now plans to employ to pick as they are sometimes called, since Mr. Hashimoto's replacement. But in theory they no longer exist. All party members worry that the ap- but about 26 of the 366 Liberal pearance of conflict could lead to Democrats in Parliament belong to more problems than ever.

"If we try to make it more open, Since the faction members northat will bring about confusion in mally vote as a block, that gives the markets," Mr. Takemi said. "To enormous power to the faction lead-

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talking about tax cuts and public spending sprees.

But now the Liberal Democrats are offering a

new excuse for delaying true structural reform:

ical life," said a political analyst, Minoru Morita,

who said that party leaders had not even begun

discussing how of whether to carry out banking

and financial reforms already announced by the

government. Yukio Matsuyama, a political com-

mentator, said party officials were in danger of "sending the wrong message to the world" by

appearing to choose politics as usual instead of

"The one clear message we got from this

Democrat in the upper house of Parliament. "But failure of policy."

the politics of reform.

"First they are thinking about their own polit-

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cording to South Korean officials.

gotten the signal."

election is that there is deep anger about the ical adviser and pollster. "What they're upset indecisiveness of the LDP in dealing with the about is that they feel pain now, but it is not the

economy." said Ichita Yamamoto, a Liberal result of economic reform, it is the result of

over another with 82 members.

there are some people in the LDP who have not

they were tired of their leaders' delays and in-

eptitude when it came to making key decisions

can take initiative and actually change the current

situation and the economy, even if that is ac-

companied by pain," said Miyako Hashashi, a 56-year old Tokyo housewife. "I want someone

with leadership."
Maki Tanaka, 27, a clerk in a Tokyo chocolate

shop said, "They should stop thinking about what is good for themselves only. I want them to

means pain," said Takayoshi Miyagawa, a polit-

"People do understand that economic reform

think about us, the ordinary public."

about fixing the economy. "I want someone who

Dozens of voters interviewed this week said

guns, and they wield incomparably more power over the country than former presidents do in the United States. But politicians, scholars and political journalists also say that the importance of the factions and faction leaders is waning. "There's not much to this idea of them as shadow shoguns," said an

"There's also some effect from Confucianism and its respect for seniority," the aide said. "But it's These behind-the-scenes leaders changing. They have much less auare often called Japan's shadow sho-thority than they did 10 years

bers, many of whom shot themselves and their Mr. Kim's inauguration.

One reason that the faction leaders seem to have lost influence is that public funds are now given to parties as a whole. The result is that the private coffers of each faction are far less important in winning influence.

Mr. Takeshita is perhaps the most influential of the "shadow shoguns," constantly holding meetings

aide to one of the former prime ministers. "But it is true that they

avoid bringing about serious coners. Mr. Takeshita is the godfather have long experience in Parliament in his home to help formulate na-fusion in the currency markets, of the largest faction, with 91 mem—up to 50 years—and that gives tional policy, but even he is more of

MESSAGE: Increasingly Angry Voters Are Making Their Preferences Clear

economy did not recover by the next election, it could be completely thrown out of power. Nonetheless, as party members confer to pick a new prime minister next week, some members do not get that message. They are primarily focusing on selecting a candidate who has the best hope for leading the party against Naoto Kan, the charismatic leader of the Democratic Party, which was the big winner in Sunday's voting. The Lower House election can be called any time over

Several Liberal Democrats said in interviews

the next two years. It does not seem to matter if that person has any economic experience, said one upset Liberal Democrat.

Some members are really afraid of having an election as early as this year, and they are really focused on picking the person who is the best face to put forward against Kan," said Yoshimasa

than a secret dictator. 'Takeshita doesn't have to exert his influence so much," said Yoshibumi Wakamiya, the political

With thousands of South Korean troops combing the mountains along the east coast

for signs of infiltrators, analysts believe the

most likely scenario is that Mr. Kim will try to

maintain an appearance of the policy while

urging his generals to get tough and calling for

He needs to do both to satisfy South Korean

In a sign of the alarm over the recent

incidents, the National Security Council will

convene Wednesday for the first time since

a North Korean "apology."

editor of the Asahi Shimbun, Japan's most respected newspaper.
"But his experience and political expertise are highly rated, and so he is often consulted by politicians who want his advice.

The leading candidate to become prime minister is Keizo Obuchi, the oreign minister and the head of the biggest faction, which is named after him but is informally controlled by Mr. Takeshita. But the leaders no longer have iron control over their factions, and one indication of that is the emergence of a fellow member of the Obuchi faction, Seiroku Kajiyama, as one of Mr. Obuchi's leading rivals.

In the end, this may be the weakness of Mr. Kajiyama's candidacy, for members of the Obuchi faction Tuesday that the party understood that if the seem more inclined to support Mr. Obuchi than to back Mr. Kajiyama. There has been a good deal of

> candidates to be the next prime minister seem dull and tired and unimaginative. But some also say that the factional system and the emphasis on consensus tends to elevate precisely

carping among Japanese and foreign

commentators that all the leading

that kind of politician. 'Don't blame them for being dull," said Takashi Inoguchi, a political science professor at Tokyo University. "That's how they've been chosen as high-ranking politi-

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### Albania Seeks to Disarm Its People

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS — At the request of the Albanian government, the United Nations has agreed for the first time to help disarm a civilian population that has amassed bundreds of thousands of weapons and a vast supply of am-munition, a senior official said Mon-

Albanians, who are among those supplying or selling arms to ethnic Albanian fighters in Kosovo Province in Serbia, raided weapons depots in the 32 spring of 1997, after the collapse of a nationwide pyramid scheme wiped out many people's savings and led to generai unrest.

Since then, many more arms from abroad have also been smuggled into the country, to be shipped to Albanians in Kosovo.

Even before the Kosovo situation erupted, an estimate of 650,000 weapons is what we are talking about that had been taken away from gov-emment depots," said Jayantha Dhanapala, undersecretary-general for

New Spellings

Get Go-Ahead

KARLSRUHE, Germany

Germany's constitutional court

gave the green light Tuesday to a

government law to modernize the

traditional spellings, is scheduled

to come into effect gradually be-

Germany's highest judicial body, the Federal Constitutional

Court, rejected an appeal against

the law, which was decreed by state

Critics say the move is an un-necessary "dumbing down" of the

Examples include changing the

word for someone preparing a bib-liography from "bibliograph" to "bibliograf." Use of the old Ger-man letter for a double "s" will be

limited, so that the German con-

junction meaning "that" will now be written "dass." Some lengthy

compound nouns will be shortened.

spelling; will be made more con-

sistent and comma rules will be cut

The reform to simplify some

written German language.

tween Aug. 1 and mid-2005.

culture ministers.

from 52 to nine.

language.

In Germany

disarmament affairs, who went to Albania last month to evaluate the situ-

\*An estimate of about 30 percent was given to us of weapons that have leaked to other parts, not merely to Kosovo but to Macedonia and elsewhere," he added.

In a report to the secretary-general issued Monday, Mr. Dhanapala, a Sri Lankan, listed pistols, automatic rifles, machines guns and grenade launchers as among the weapons in local caches. He said that civilians also held 20,000 tons of explosives and more than 1.5 billion rounds of ammunition, including ar-

Mr. Dhanapala and his team met with government and opposition leaders, in-cluding the former president, Sali Ber-isha, and discussed how to persuade people to relinquish the weapons, which would then be destroyed.

The UN officials rejected buyback plans, which Mr. Dhanapala said would be highly inflationary and would in effect reward people who had unauthorized weapons in their possession. Instead. UN officials are proposing a development-for-guns project, in which

communities that turned in weapons would get public works projects, pro-viding needed jobs.

\*Many of the people are unemployed and sought the weapons as a means of some kind of wealth, which they could trade for money or goods at some later stage," Mr. Dhanapala said, "In the rural areas you had some of them burying them underground or keeping them

The United Nations, he said, hopes to start a pilot project in Gramshi, a district with a population of about 50,000, which is thought to have 8 percent to 10 percent of all the weapons command-eered in 1997. Gramshi also has a 30 percent unemployment rate.

In return for turning in weapons, the district has asked for about 120 miles of rural roads, a small processing plant for agricultural products and a training center to teach furniture-making. The area

is heavily forested. Mr. Dhanapala now has to find money to pay for his project. He said that he hoped for help from the UN Development Program, from the World Bank and from country donations.

### Blair Lets Out the Reins

Labour Plans 5% Funds Rise for Public Services

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribuni

LONDON - After a year in which it maintained the tight budget policies of its Conservative predecessor, Britain's Labour government announced substantial increases Tuesday in public spending on education, health and other social services over the next three years.

The spending plans, presented in the House of Commons by the chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown, were billed as the defining moment of Prime Minister Tony Blair's government.

They represent a payback for Labour supporters who expected the change in government to produce a change in spending priorities, and should enable Labour to meet its campaign promises of reducing waiting lists for hospital treatment and cutting school class sizes.

The government will bolster spending on education by £19 billion (\$31 billion) over the next three years and on health by £21 billion, and will demand that schools and hospitals deliver improved services in return, Mr. Brown said. Those amount to average annual increases of about 5 percent after taking account of inflation, the biggest rises in a generation.

'There will be additional

sources," Mr. Brown said, "but it is money in return for modernization."

The opposition Conservative Party said the plans showed that Mr. Blair's muchvaunted new Labour government was acting like its old Labour predecessors and letting spending rise out of control.

Francis Maude, the party's treasury spokesman, also said the government

had failed to achieve promised savings on welfare spending to finance its education and health investments, making the entire budget "dangerously vulnerable to an economic downtum" that would swell unemployment and other welfare benefits.

Nevertheless, it was a sign of the likely popularity of the spending decisions that Mr. Maude began his attack by criticizing the publication of much of the spending details in Tuesday's morning newspapers, suggesting it was another case of government leaking. "Once again this government has shown its brazen contempt for Parliament," he said.

There was little reaction in financial markets, largely because Mr. Brown had announced the government's overall spending targets last month. Still, analysts said the plans represented a fundamental shift to a looser spending stance after years of restraint.

### Romania President

BUCHAREST — President Emil Constantinescu left Tuesday for a nine-day visit to the United States in hopes of winning greater U.S. support for Romania's bid for membership to NATO and for more American in-

Seeks U.S. Support

Foreign investors complain that Romanian bureaucracy and rigid laws keep them from developing business in Romania

When Mr. Constantinescu came to power in November 1996, he promised Romanians that foreign investors

would come in large numbers. That optimism turned out to be un-Zoe Petre, a presidential adviser, said. "The declared mission of this

visit is changing the image of Romania among all U.S. officials." (AP)

#### 'Dirty War' Trial Concludes in Spain

MADRID — The trial of two former top Spanish government of-ficials accused of being involved in a kidnapping linked to an alleged government 'dirty war' against Basque separatists ended Tuesday.

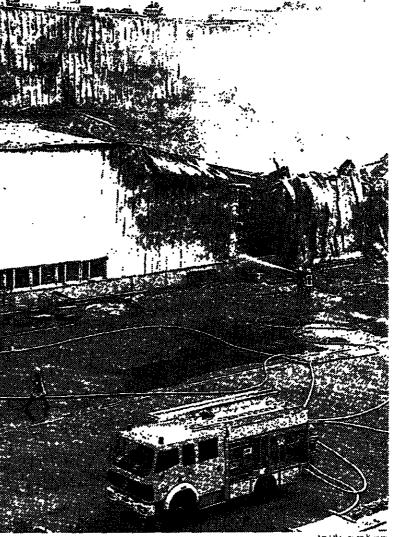
A former interior minister, Jose Barrionuevo, and his former deputy. Rafael Vera, are accused with 10 others of involvement in 28 murders of people linked to the Basque separatist group ETA in 1983-1988. The announcement of the verdict is not expected before August, court officials said.

Mr. Barrionuevo and Mr. Vera have denied involvement in the kidnapping in December 1983 of a Spanish-born French businessman who was mistaken for an ETA official, the main

offense for which they are being tried. The other defendants have admitted the 10-day hostage-taking, which was the first action claimed by the shadowy Anti-Terrorist Liberation Group and marked the beginning of the "dirty war" against Basque separat-

#### Lukashenko Assails EU Over Visa Ban

KHOINIKI, Belarus - Alexander Lukashenko, president of Belarus, the former Soviet republic, described Tuesday as "blackmail" the European Union's decision to stop issuing visas to him and other senior officials



GERMAN PRINTING PLANT FIRE - A main production center of Bild Zeitung, Germany's largest newspaper, smoldering Tuesday in Essen. The tabloid said it would publish Wednesday at other sites.

a spat over diplomatic residences. The EU, reacting to a confrontation over an ambassadors' housing com-

BRIEFLY

plex in the capital, Minsk, on Monday listed 131 Belarussian leaders and officials who could no longer visit. The United States followed up Tuesday with its own visa ban, the U.S. State Department said.

Five EU countries, the United States, Japan and others recalled their ambassadors from Belarus last month after Minsk cut off water and telephones and restricted access to the sputed Drozdy complex.

Mr. Lukashenko. in his first reaction to the ban, said. "If it wasn't Drozdy, it would be something

#### Turkish Squabbling Over Pay Increases

ANKARA — Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz of Turkey warned Tuesday that a dispute with his coalition partners over public workers' pay could spell the end of the government, aides said.

Mr. Yilmaz is insisting on a half-yearly wage rise of 20 percent for millions of blue-collar state employees, keeping increases within IMF

A junior coalition ally is pushing for 40 percent to offset annual inflation of more than 90 percent.

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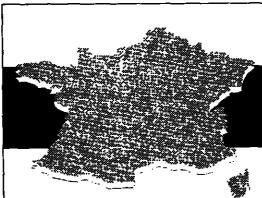
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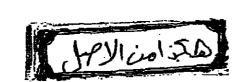
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### **Voters Revolt in Japan**

Japanese governments do not normally resign after election losses for Parliament's less important upper house. But so emphatic was the defeat that voters inflicted on the ruling Liberal Democratic Party on Sunday that Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto decided to quit. The LDP had expected to take about 60 of the 126 seats being contested. It won only 44.

The rebuke was richly deserved, and Mr. Hashimoto was right to resign. For most of its two and a half years in power, his government made no serious effort to revive the world's second-largest economy, and indeed made matters worse by introducing a national sales tax. When the prime minister finally did cut taxes this year, it was too little and too late. Japan, once the main engine of Asian prosperity. now threatens to drag its neighbors and

itself into prolonged recession.

Despite Washington's repeated urgings to reform, reflate and clean up billions in bad bank debt, Mr. Hashimoto spent most of his term dithering instead of leading. Like most of his predecessors, he deferred to powerful Finance Ministry officials, who preferred inaction to reforms that might

erode their bureaucratic grip. Only this month, eight years after Japan's banks began weakening, did Mr. Hashimoto announce a credible plan for weeding out failing institutions and reinforcing the rest. Now that belated but important initiative could

be lost in the extended transition rituals of Japanese politics.

The LDP, still the majority party in the lower house, will pick the next prime minister, spending the next week choosing among four uninspiring candidates. The front-runner, Keizo Obuchi, is even more colorless than Mr. Hashimoto. Kiichi Miyazawa and Yohei Kono have already failed in leadership roles. Seiroku Kajiyama, is a veteran insider who at least has called for more vigorous economic action. But there is little realistic hope of reform policies emerging from an LDP system

designed to keep things as they are. The brightest aspect of this election may be the emergence of the Democratic Party, led by Naoto Kan, Japan's most popular politician, as a potential competitor to the LDP. Mr. Kan earned his popularity two years ago when, as health minister, he stood up to bureaucratic resistance to resolve a scandal over HIV contamination of the

blood supply.

The LDP has recovered from past election setbacks and has always come back. But with Japan now facing its worst economic crisis of the postwar era, muddling through an additional two years to the next election is no longer an acceptable option. World financial markets will not accept it, and Asia's other economies cannot afford it. Now, it appears, Japan's voters have lost patience with it as well.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

### **Ulster Nightmare**

10 and 9, were the boys who, sleeping and then screaming, died in their beds from a firebomb attack in a mainly Protestant community not far from Belfast in Northern Ireland early Sunday morning. Their mother was Catholic and their father Protestant, but an uncle described them as "just kids." Suspicion for these horrendous killings quickly fell on a Protestant group defrant of the communal accord that good people of different faiths have been frying to build in Northern Ireland, and two men were arrested on Monday.

There should be a rule of automatic and total disqualification for any ethnic or political cause whose upholders believe that they can advance it by the murder of children. Yet many innocents have died in the 30-year Irish-British conflict, victims of Catholic as well as Protestant rage. The killing of Robert, Mark and Jason added to the pressure on the Protestant Orange fraternal order to call off or scale back its traditional grand holiday march of

Richard, Mark and Jason Quinn, 11, July 12 celebrating a Protestant triumph over Irish Catholics 300 years ago. Regretiably, the marching continued, al-

though in a subdued and stunned way. Not that there were no heroes in this grisly affair. William Bingham, a Presbyterian minister and chaplain to the Orangemen, deplored any further marching "in the shadow of the coffins of three little boys who wouldn't even know what the Orange Order is about." The leading Protestant politician, David Trimble, who built his career as an Orangeman, at first vaguely called for 'all elements of this community" to reflect, then declared that "the only way [the Protestant marchers] can repudiate" the murders was to abandon the marching and go home. This was some part of what induced British Prime Minister Tony Blair to note that "real leadership" had been shown. Mr. Bingham and Mr. Trimble set a standard that the leaders on both sides must meet to move beyond the killing of children toward communal peace. —THE WASHINGTON POST

### Courage in Burma

Certain figures in history demonstrate such courage and honor in the struggle for freedom that the rest of us can only gape in wonder. Some of these leaders, like South Africa's Nelson Mandela, have lived long enough to see their jailers brought low. Others, like Nigeria's Moshood Abiola, have not been so fortunate. One such figure, Burma's Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, remains today a captive. Like Mr. Mandela, she has the inner strength to inspire a movement and shame a dictatorship. But the odious generals who misrule her Asian land are not ready to acknowledge her rightful claim to leadership. The United States and its allies should champion her cause more actively.

Last week, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, 52, showed again her fearlessness in the face of thuggery. Her National League for Democracy had won a landslide victory in 1990 elections, but Burma's military regime ignored the results and has jailed or confined her ever since. Now she defied her de facto house arrest and drove north from the capital to meet a fellow party member. The regime's thugs blocked her way and sent soldiers to lift her car and turn it to point south again, with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi inside. Even then she did not budge. After a standoff of nearly 24 hours, the

meeting she had sought took place. It was, however, a small victory. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi remains isolated from supporters and family. Her supporters increasingly are being thrown into jail. Children of minority ethnic groups are press-ganged into slavery by Burma's military. The average annual income for Burma's 47 million people has fallen to \$107. Increasingly, Burma finds itself iso-

lated in the world. Only China maintains warm relations; Beijing just sold the Burmese regime 20 new warplanes. Even Burma's neighbors, such as Thailand and the Philippines, which traditionally avoid interference in one another's affairs, have expressed alarm at the regime's behavior. They, like the United States, could do more. Later this month Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will travel to Manila to take part in a meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. She and her colleagues should turn up the pressure on Burma's thugs.

-THE WASHINGTON POST

#### Other Comment **Ignorant Congress**

It has been decades since any Congress has been so apparently uninformed about the complex nature of global challenges or so indifferent to the constant need to cultivate international political understanding and support for U.S. policies and objectives.

The world's richest nation cannot seriously expect to command the respect of others when its legislators stubbornly refuse to pay the arrears owed the United Nations.

The United States has an enormous stake in the global economy. A Congress blind to these economic realities has no problem finding reasons to refuse to raise the lending capacity of the IMF in a time of economic crisis in Asia.

What is happening in Congress is not neo-isolationism. What we are seeing instead is a provincialism that is more the product of ignorance and indifference than of design.

- Los Angeles Times.

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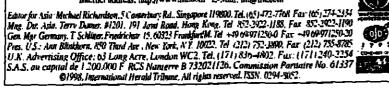
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# Who Wants China to Turn Into a Giant Albania?

WASHINGTON — Three weeks ago I visited Tirana, and on my way out of the airport to board my plane I was stopped by an Albanian customs "official," She looked me up and down and asked, "How much money are you carrying?" There was a certain Jesse James tone in her voice.

I told her I had \$3,500. "\$3,500," she repeated, her eyes lighting up. "He has \$3,500," she said to her fellow customs agent.

"Where are you from?" he asked. apparently trying to determine if I was a diplomat and therefore immune from this bureaucratic stickup. "I'm from The New York Times," I answered. "Let him go," he said, apparently con-cluding that it would not be good publicity to separate me from my money.

Those two Albanian customs agents were a reminder of a basic truth; that in many formerly Communist countries, the successor to communism is more often kleptocracy than democracy. That fact is too often forgotten in today's debates about China, Russia and other once-Communist states.

For instance, the Kosovo Liberation Army is now talking about uniting all the Albanian communities in the BalBy Thomas L. Friedman

kans into a "Greater Albania." That is a frightening thought — not because Albanians are not entitled to unification, but because they have not proved that they can properly run one Albania,

let alone five put together. The whole debate in Washington about China is about when it will become a democracy. The much more important question is how it will become a democracy. How will it make the leap from where it is now, with antiquated institutions and a policestate apparatus increasingly unsuited to its rapidly modernizing economy, to a more open, rule-based system, without

chaos in the transition? It is one thing for Albania to collapse; it would be quite another for China to start spewing refugees, weapons and financial scams.

'China had 70,000 traffic deaths last year - roughly 630 deaths per 100.000 cars. America had 21 deaths per 100,000 cars," notes the Stanford University China scholar Mike Oksenberg. "It's because China has all these new highways with inadequate passing journalists, then you are the best case,

signs, or warnings about oncoming hills, or even traffic lights in some places, and no free press to report on it all. Their growth is simply outrunning their existing systems of governance and education."

That is why the ultimate test of U.S. China policy is not whether President Bill Clinton shook his fist hard enough

at President Jiang Zemin. The ultimate test is how well the United States uses its influence to promote more of a rule-of-law system in China - one that constrains the state. and then gradually lays an institutional foundation that can carry Chinese so-ciety forward after the inevitable collapse of the Communist Party or its evolution into an electoral body.

If the U.S. Congress wants to do something useful on China, it should spare us the chest-thumping and instead appropriate the funds sought by Mr. Clinton to train Chinese lawyers, judges and law professors.

When Communist states collapse, before the new institutions have evolved you are much more likely to get Russia, where they have a free press and gangsters gun down inquisitive

Poland, which had a Catholic Church and trade unions to fall back on.

But preventing Albania in China takes a lot of engagement, on a lot of levels. Those who argue that America should simply isolate China and hasten the collapse of its system now are just begging for a big Albania.

Fatos Lubonja, editor of the Albanian literary journal Endeavor, talked to me in Tirana about post-Communist

"After communism we had total equality in Albania. We were all at zero. There was no real infrastructure, no one really had property or contacts. Politics became just another business, because being a politician meant you could or could not give stamps of approval

The free market here was considered freedom to do anything. One of the West's great errors was that during the collapse of communism some-times we changed the people [in charge], but we did not really change the system. Instead of building a free economy, based on initiative and risk.

we created a criminal economy.
"No one understood that without the software, Albania is just a jungle." The New York Times

### Cyprus: The Case for a Greek-Turkish Condominium

The island of Cyprus would

be under the joint sovereignty

of Greece and Turkey. A unit-

ary state proved impossible; a

federation could not be attained

within the confines of the is-

land. The broader context might

be recognized by all as prefer-

able to the separate, unwanted

and embattled independence of

riots with Turkey.

By Michael Elizur

strative visits of Greek and Turkish warplanes in Cyprus attracted headlines. Mercifully, the planes were at different ends of the island. It is to be hoped that diplomats and world public this important country. opinion awaken to the lurking dangers before they reach Bosnia or Kosovo proportions.

An entirely new and futureoriented approach is needed. A bold reversion to the basic issues might produce results enosis coupled with a Turkish-Greek condominium over Cyprus, and Turkish accession to the European Union.

TERUSALEM — The demon-

British withdrawal from Cyprus was preceded by years of local (and Greek) agitation for enosis. To join Greece, their natural and historical motherland, was the deeply held aspiration of the Greeks on Cyprus.

The main reason this movement was compelled in 1960 to metamorphose into acquiescence in separate independence was Soviet objection to an ex-tension of NATO to Cyprus.

The apprehensions of the Turkish Cypriots, strongly supported by Turkey, also played a role. They were exacerbated after Archbishop Makarios's plan in 1963 to alter the constitution, finally leading Turkey to interfere militarily in 1974.

Relations between Turkey and Greece continue to be tense. Turkey's relations with Europe are strained, and here, too. Cyprus is a crucial issue.

The longtime United Nations presence on the island has not brought the parties nearer a resolution of their differences. In view of all these inter-

related problems, a return to the original points of departure holds out better promise than continued grappling with the im-passes accumulated in so many years of friction and conflict. The Soviet Union is no more.

Greece is a member of the European Union Turkey seeks membership in the Union, and

With the active support of the deserves to be supported in this quest so as to encourage the international community, the growth of democratic, secular, basic vital aspirations of all parties can be satisfied: a remoderate and modern forces in union with Greece for the Greeks of Cyprus, and a similar association of the Turkish Cyp-

Without a dramatic change of context, Turkish Cypriots are unlikely to cease distrusting their Greek neighbors. Turkey will consider itself compelled to maintain its troops in the northern part of Cyprus, even though this action, considered by many a violation of international law, is held against Turkey in the context of its desire to join the European Union.

Greek Cypriot accession to the European Union in disregard of other components is counterproductive and provocative. Given all the incompatibil-

ities, why not revive, mutatis mutandis, the original dream of enosis, and make it the pivot of a future-oriented effort?

and with Turkey. When both Greece and Turkey are EU members, they will in any case share a growing measure of political and eco-tional conflicts.

nomic features, rights, duties and responsibilities. Within this common framework of a shared future, the

deeply felt antagonisms and very real distinctions between the two communities on Cyprus are fully taken into account and assuaged. For example, schools and other institutions with a bearing on the national and cultural character of the Greeks on Cyprus would come under the jurisdiction of the Athens authorities, even as the local Turks would feel secure under the Turkish umbrella.

Both communities would be better able to cooperate on the numerous common matters that a Cypriot Republic incapable of do not impinge on their comattaining peaceful relations munal identities, such as roads, with its Turkish compatriots telecommunications, tourism and much else.

In time, Cyprus could be-come a model for the amelioration of ethnic and interna-

NATO would be able to use the British bases, when they come under the joint jurisdiction of two NATO member states. Britain surely would welcome a diminution of its responsibilities in this corner of the world. The United Nations, too, would be pleased to re-

linquish its thankless duties. Other neighbors of Cyprus, such as Syria and Israel, wouldbenefit from the elimination of: a source of friction in their region. Progress in resolution of. the Arab-Israel conflict needs much more than peace on; Cyprus, but the lesson than conflict resolution is not a zero-sum game might find listeners in. Damascus and Jerusalem.

The writer is a retired Israeli ambassador and former deputy: director-general of the Foreign Ministry. He contributed this comment to the International

#### Moscow Should Cancel Its Missile Deal With Nicosia

WASHINGTON — For-eign Minister Yevgeni Primakov has the latest Russian missiles to sell. He has found a

over Cyprus. To assert nationhood, Greek Cypriots went shopping for surface-to-air missiles that could knock down Turkey's planes if war came. First stop was the United States. Then Europe, but none of its nations would join in an obvious military provocation

of Turkey, a NATO member. Along comes Mr. Primakov, lighting a match in the gas-filled room. How much do you Cyp-riots have to spend? \$200 million. At \$5 million a missile, that'll buy you 40 of our best new S-300s, not only threatening Turkish air domination but capable with some modifications of hitting Turkish soil.

a complex and yet typical back-

ground these children came out

of, that mixture of Catholic and

Protestant that extreme forms of

Mark and Jason, however, it

would appear it was enough to

know what the Orange parades

were for, that they are held every year on July 12 to cel-

ebrate the victory in 1690 of the

Protestant William of Orange

heavals of the Orangemen in the

Drumcree area of Portadown

seem to have provided the nec-

essary cloak of passion and

righteousness for the attack, al-

though it is hard to say for sure.

The Orangemen had protested

the decision of the British

Parades Commission to prevent

them from marching through

Leaders have striven to dis-

vaghy Road.

These boys surely did not

serve as a death warrant.

King James II.

By William Safire

way to split the NATO alliance tion did when Khrushchev put Middle East. by inflaming Greeks and Turks
over Cyprus.

Soviet missiles on ships to
Cuba: You put those missiles in says the Greek south is now as a shoehorn to ease Turkey Cuba: You put those missiles in and we'll take them out.

Mr. Primakov has a fistful of interests in Cyprus. His commercial interest is in getting hard currency for Russian arms, and keeping missile

factories humming.
Especially delicious to the ex-spymaster is the espionage interest. Cyprus has long been the intelligence crossroads of the Eastern Mediterranean, of benefit to Syria, Iraq and Libya. Turks charge that along with the missiles would come Russian 'technicians' to bolster Rus-

sía's intelligence network. And international spooks know that corporations in Nico-

The Turks are reacting the sia have for years made it the the Cypriot factions into a senway the Kennedy administration did when Khankhan and the siable "bizonal, bicommunal"

cleaner than the Turkish north, but the whole island launders. Mr. Primakov will be able to monitor the flight of Russian rubles to foreign banks, and gain added leverage over Serbia, which gets clandestine foreign money support through Cyprus.

Finally, Cyprus is the flash-point of a Greek-Turkish tension that extends into the Balkans. Here was Mr. Primakov's way to retaliate at NATO expansion by breaking apart the southern flank of the alliance.

Madeleine Albright, in a meeting with Mr. Primakov in Luxembourg in May, tried to talk him out of shipping the

missiles. She failed. Richard Holbrooke, unable to negotiate federation, creatively tried to into being fairly considered for EU membership. But the Germans and Greeks would have none of that.

As a result of Mr. Primakov's maneuvering and European, anti-Turk bias, we now have (1) Ankara more adamant than ever about a separate Turkish Cyp-; riot republic; (2) the United Na-tions passing resolutions blaming Turks for everything; (3): Greeks lurching into a foolish missile provocation.

Bill Clinton should get on the horn to Boris Yeltsin and say, "Tell Primakov to cancel that, missile order."

The New York Times

### Northern Ireland: High Time for Hard Irish Questions:

COUNTY WICKLOW, Ire-land — We live, my three young children, my wife and I, in a quiet housing estate in the garden of Ireland. It is neither here nor there, in this part of Ireland, that my wife is Protestant and I am Catholic.

But when we awoke on Sunday morning last, we had to imagine a situation where men might come and throw a petrol bomb into our hallway and try to burn us in our beds.

Why? Because this is exactly what happened on this same island, in the small hours, to another family, a family who had sought the sanctuary of sleep in their own home. The Quinn family has lost three boys, Jason, Mark and Richard. Ages 9, 10 and 11. They were killed ostensibly in the name of loyalism, the creed of adherence to the British Crown, of Protestantism and Orangeism.

Here is the litany of facts as reported by newspapers here that made their murder possible in modern Ireland. First, their mother, Christine

Quinn, is a Catholic, trying to live in Ballymoney on a largely Protestant estate in Northern Ireland, about 40 miles (64 kilometers) north of Belfast. She returned only a year ago when things seemed safer in the new weather of possible peace.

Her partner is a Protestant, and the boys were attending a Protestant school. The mother wanted her children to assimilate in the neighborhood. Their uncle, Robert Patton, a Protestant himself, said that the the Catholic district of the Garboys were raised as both Catholic and Protestant.

It is worth noting (although

By Sebastian Barry God Himself is listening?) what to, more impressively, the Reverend William Bingham, one of the important leaders of the Orange Order. He pobly urged the

Orangemen at Drumcree to dis-

nationalism and loyalism would perse and go home. like to think is rare but that is in He felt, one is sure, the anfact sewn into the cloth of Ireguish of the bell that would toll land with a clear thread. for three dead boys. Maybe he Mary Robinson herself, our knows that these deaths are a former president, is married to a greater thing, a more human, sorrowful and important thing, Protestant, and among people generally it is of no great inthan beating drums in historical triumph past the homes of a historically defeated people. terest or import. For Richard,

Yet the Orangemen at Drumcree voted to continue their protest and indeed marched on Monday -- rightly condemning the murders of the boys but unable to abandon the actions that must have contributed to the hatred that killed them. The new first minister of the

over his Catholic father-in-law, Northern Ireland Assembly, Indeed, it is reported by The David Trimble, a loyalist him-Irish Times that the boys, the night before they were killed, self, who up to recently has been seen marching with the best of innocently gathered kindling with the other children in prepthem, spoke on television. He is part of a new passion for peace, aration for the loyalist bonfires passion that failed at 4:30 A.M. on Sunday. You could see of the 12th. Gathered fuel for the fires with their own hands. the grief in his face. The commotions and up-

Even the Reverend Ian Paisley, the hard-line Protestant leader, showed obvious pain and shock as he spoke on Monday, not so much condemning as palpably reliving the deaths of the boys. The boys' own uncle was quoted as saying: "This is nothing to do with Orangemen.

It's just hooliganism." But nothing is ever just hooliganism. No. it was grown-up, thinking people who murdered them, and perhaps it doesn't tance themselves from the matter at the end of the day Perhaps what matters is that North, new visions need ter-

they were Irish.
Perhaps the Orangemen at Drumcree are not the only ones who should be asking themselves hard and terrible questions. Yes, the Orangemen should have gone home and not marched. But perhaps the people of this island should entertain the possibility that we are all responsible for the deaths of those boys. What words and actions of us all led to such a thing?

Christine Quinn and the boys' father were to follow their three small coffins to the graveyard. In the crucible of the ment to The New York Times.

gently to be engendered, even in the face of death. Even as the sun comes up on murder.

In the meantime, dark, all dark. Perhaps God in his mercy, that pitiful God of Catholies and Protestants, of man and wife, children and life, will loss. down on us and bring at last comprehension and better love to His darkened land.

Mr. Barry, a playwright, is author of "Prayers of Sherkin" and "The Steward of Christendom." He contributed this com-

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Santiago Falls

WASHINGTON — Santiago has fallen. Official news of General Toral's surrender has just come to the War Department from General Shafter, who wires: "General Toral agrees to surrender upon the basis of being returned to Spain. The proposition embraces all Eastern Cuba, from Asserraderos. in the south, to Sagua, in the north. The commissioners meet this afternoon [July 14] to def-initely arrange terms." General Shafter's despatch greatly relieved the officials, who were in a high state of uncertainty as to what was transpiring.

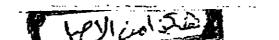
1923: Press Warned

ROME - Drastic measures against the Press have been approved by the Cabinet. The "responsible person" for a newspaper must in the future be an now that the boys are dead, what murders, from the spokesman whether they were loyalist or editor, who must not be either a

have the power to warn the editor against the continuation of articles or cartoons rending to forment class hatred, favoring the interests of foreign States to the detriment of Italian interests, of offensive to the nation, the members of the Royal Family, the Pope, the State religion, national institutions or friendly Powers.

1948: Rights Walk-Out PHILADELPHIA - The Alabama and Mississippi del-

egations walked out of the: Democratic convention today [July 14] amidst a great roar of: boos from delegates waiting to nominate Harry S. Truman for the Presidency. Governor
Fielding Wright, of Mississippi.
said this walk-out was in protest
over the Negro rights play
written into the platform. The plank advocated specific Fed. eral laws against lynching, renow that the boys are dead, what murders, from the spokesman whether thing senator or a deputy. Prefects will strictions on voting and whether the good of talk at all, unless for the protesters at Drumcree nationalist or any other thing. senator or a deputy. Prefects will crimination in employment. strictions on voting and dis-



#### OPINION/LETTERS

### Why Not Nest Eggs For All Americans?

By James K. Glassman

WASHINGTON — Don-aid Othmer, a professor of chemical engineering in chemical engineering in each over to Warren Buffert, an Brooklyn, died three years ago. His wife Mildred, a former teacher and a buyer for her mother's dress store, died in April Both were in their 90s. They lived miret upper 190s. 90s. They lived quiet, unpre-tentious lives — which is why t came as a shock to their diriends to learn that their comhined estates were worth \$800 million and that they had given nearly everything to charity.
How did the Othmers get so rich? Like many other Americans, they simply put their money into sound stock mar-

ket investments and left it there for a long time. This they had in common with a woman named Appe Scheiber, who worked as a government drone, never making more than \$4,000 a year. In 1944, she put a total of \$5,000 into stocks such as Coca-Cola and Merck, and when she died in 1995, and when she died in 1995 the left her estate to \$50 million to \$100 million. Yeshiva University. It was worth \$22 million.

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Times. The investment "never changed their lives."

In 1970, when the Othmers received stock in Mr. Buffer's new company, Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (which invests in other companies such as Gillette and American Express), it was trading at \$42 a share. On Monday it was \$76,800 a share. Mrs. Othmer's 7,500 shares are worth \$576 million Mr. Othmer's, which were sold on his death when the price was lower,

were worth \$210 million. The Othmers were smart, or lucky, to pick Mr. Buffett to manage their money. But even if they had simply put their funds into the broad The lesson is to live modestly, invest sensibly, don't



But his wealth came from fol-

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stock market has

been generating.

dandelions from neighbors'

lawns [and] delivering news-papers." He and his wife

liam Danko, authors of the

surprise best-seller "The Mil-lionaire Next Door," came to

similar conclusions about the

rich people they studied for their book. They wrote that

to describe millionaires. More

own Fords than any other car,

and only 25 percent of the men studied paid more than

\$600 for a suit in their lives.

(2) Saving pays. This is a otion that should be

to create a system

touch the money and grow rich. This lesson is at the heart of the current debate over

transforming Social Security. Today, it is a government-run plan by which Americans retiring over the next few decades will get minuscule (or even negative) returns on a lifetime of payroll contributions. But reformers, including Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Democrat of New York, want instead to create a system of private accounts by which retirees can get the returns that the stock market has been generating for the past century.

Why shouldn't every work-er be able to get the returns and build the nest eggs that Anne Scheiber and the Othmers built? They can, but only if they have money to save. Currently, 10 percent of every American worker's pay is going to taxes to fund Social Security retirement benefits. No wonder

Americans are strapped. William Beach of the Heritage Foundation has calculated that the average single black woman born in 1960 will receive lifetime benefits from Social Security totaling \$173,000. But, he found, if the woman invests the same money that now goes to Social Security taxes in a mixed portfolio of stocks and bonds instead, she

wili accumulate \$414,000. Blacks, in particular, are victimized by the Social Security retirement system, since they do not live as long as whites and thus do not collect benefits for as long. Under a private retirement plan, they could pass assets on to their heirs.

There are other lessons in drummed into the head of the Othmers' story: every young person. Put away (1) Frugality pays. Donald money early, and don't touch Othmer was a smart scientist it. If you can leave it undiswho contributed to more than turbed in a decent investment 40 patents at Eastman Kodak. for a long time, it will grow to

immense proportions through the miracle of compounding. lowing the simple virtues. The Times wrote that as a boy "he Savings can also be eroded developed a lifelong frugality as he earned money picking by capital gains taxes, but both Ms. Scheiber and the Othmers managed to avoid them by not selling their stocks, then passing them on Still, the cut in capital gains from 20 per-cent to 15 percent that Con-gress passed last year is a move in the right direction that

will boost savings. (3) Philanthropy will boom. The Othmers' estates will provide \$190 million to Brooklyn Polytechnic University, where Mr. Othmer taught, \$160 million to Long Island College Hospital, \$75 million to Planned Parenthood and so on.

Rich people, more and more, are giving back what they have earned in an effort to make society better. They "lived comfortably but not ostentatiously and rarely talked about their money." Thomas Stanley and Wilwould rather make these choices themselves than leave them to Uncle Sam, so they are preserving their estates against taxes. Eliminating the estate tax entirely could touch off a philanthropic flood. But, even without that change, generous Americans like Ms. Scheiber and the Othmers are turning "frugal" is the best adjective frugality into wealth and wealth into good deeds. They deserve attention and praise.

> The writer, a fellow at the American Enterprise Insti-tute, contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

### A Riveting 'Natural Disaster' Is Fueled by Man's Meddling

By Tom Horton

R ALTIMORE — Disasters are seldom ager for the Nature Conservancy's extensive what they first seem. Farnines are less about failed crops than about the politics and inequities that impede sharing food in a bounteous world. The environmental impact of large oil spills often is less than the damage done by attempts at a quick cleanup. Of all America's natural killers, by far the greatest — surpassing floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, lightning, mud slides and blizzards together — is not weather.

And on that heated note, the blazes that riveted national attention on Florida for the last month and a half were less about the need to "pray for rain" (Governor Lawton

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Chiles's plea before the weather provided some relief over the weekend) than about

a desperate need to set more fires. To make sense of this, consider the pine forests that dominated Florida's landscape for thousands of years. They were not the dense stands of slash pine, the species one sees nowadays all over Volusia, Flagler and Brevard counties, where a half-million acres lie charred, where tens of thousands of Floridians had to evacuate their homes. Most of the slash was planted since the 1930s by timber interests in search of a faster buck. You can clear-cut and replant it every 20 to 30 years for pulpwood.

The natural woods that slash pine replaced were slower-growing longleaf, a magnificent pine that can grow for five centuries and whose wood is so hard and durable it seems more like oak or teak. The longleaf forest, which in Colonial times stretched from Virginia to Texas, was dependent for its growth on frequent fires. From the remnants, we know it was an open, sun-spangled forest, almost a treed prairie, with widely spaced pines amid a waist-high undergrowth of tawny wire grass that rippled beautifully in the breeze.

Fires set by lightning surged through the forest every few years, the flames carried along by the wire grass. The pines were superbly adapted to survive the flames, without which the slow-growing longleaf could not have outcompeted other plant species. As forest fires go, those among the longleaf were seldom that intense because the frequent burning allowed little excess fuel to accumulate. That changed with the advent of slash pine plantations, where fuel - fallen limbs, needles, and dense, shrubby undergrowth like palmettos - has been accumulating for decades in some cases.

The result was a time bomb that went off this year after a drought left the piney woods supremely vulnerable. This is what causes experts like Geoff Babb, the regional fire man-

forests in Florida, to say, "What is needed is to be more aggressive in setting [controlled] fires ... to keep fuel supplies low." The ecology of fire in the forest is less spectacular in the Chesapeake Bay wa-

tershed, whose tree species never needed to burn with anything like the frequency of longleaf pine. But there is evidence that our modern history of treating forest fire more as disaster than as a part of nature is leading to problems. Research is showing that wide areas of the eastern United States are undergoing a shift from oak-dominated forests to maple and other shade-tolerant species. As the oaks go, so do the acoms that are a food staple for a lot of creatures we consider part of our heritage — including deer, wild turkeys and squirrels. Suppression of fires, which the oaks need

in order to outcompete maples, is not the only factor. Gypsy moths, which favor oaks only factor. Cypsy moins, which favor daks over maples, are another. Still, forest ecologists like Marc Abrams at Penn State University find that fire seems to be the common denominator in oak forests' flourishing.

We not only misinterpret the real nature of disasters, we fail to appreciate how changes in our habite even disasters.

in our habits cause disasters to mutate. Chicago's "worst" heat wave, for example, killed 550 people in 1995. In fact, the city had several longer, hotter spells in the 1930s, with far fewer deaths. But back then, vulnerable old people sweltered and even slept in the street, where neighbors could check on them. In 1995, victims typically stayed shut

up alone in apartments for fear of crime.

Similarly, Florida is perhaps the nation's most progressive state in regard to using controlled burns to prevent bigger wildfires. But the counties that came under siege are ones where people have increasingly moved into the forest in recent years, fragmenting the landscape and making fire management both physically difficult and legally risky.

We have much to learn about the nature of disasters that are not quick and fiery. When same-size rainstorms in Maryland's metropolitan counties cause worst-ever floods each decade, the key may lie in all the paving we have allowed upstream, with still inadequate storm-water detention measures. A sea-level rise around the Chesapeake is hardly as attention-getting as a forest fire, but it is happening, even as we continue to allow waterfront development. In many of our lifetimes, we will have to deal expensively with the consequences.

Coexisting peaceably with nature may be possible; but only if we do a better job of understanding how the natural landscape worked and let enough open space remain to buffer the effects of fire and storm and flood.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Blair and Business

Regarding "Blair Beset in Scandal Over Money for Access" (IHT, July 10):

Your headline is not only tendentious, but also gives a false impression of some wrongdoing on the part of Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Your American readers would not be at all surprised that there are people making a living out of lobbying the gov-emment on behalf of a variety of interests. There has been no suggestion anywhere that Mr. Blair or any other member of his administration has personally benefited from the activities of the lobbyist. It is rather that lobbying is still regarded As something alien to the British system of governance.

I am delighted that this adness community and to include leading members of that community in senior

government posts. It is New Labour's fusion of social democratic principles with enlightened business practice that distinguishes this admin-istration from all that have gone before and is creating a new beginning for Britain.

The article quotes Lord Hartley as saying, "The prime minister is biased in favor of successful businessmen." For the life of me, I can't see any-

SIGMUND STERNBERG.

#### Internal Problems

It is high time for a return to international law after much saber-rattling over Kosovo, which unfortunately gave hope to a miserable popula-tion heated up by a few agitministration has gone out to ators. The problems in listen to the views of the busi- Kosovo are clearly internal problems of Yugoslavia.

MICHELINE COURTY.

#### **BOOKS**

LUCKY BASTARD By Charles McCarry, 385

pages \$24.95. Random House. Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley.

THARLES McCARRY'S -ninth novel is dedicated n tell the story. Not merely is ination, and so too are the "Lucky Bastard" dedicated to Condon, it is an open act of homage, a deliberate rework-"The Manchurian Candidate." Condon's classic or Jack Kennedy or anyone dark comedy of politics and conspiracy in the 1960s, to suit the 1990s.

Carry includes a cautionary note, claiming that "no character is based on anyone who ever lived and no reference is intended to anything that ever happened in the real world," no one who has been paying even the slightest attention in what they wanted, and made recent years will fail to rec- them believe he was giving it canize the inspiration for to them even when he wasn't.

The New York Times
This has to based on reports from more
than 2,000 bookstones throughout the
United States. Weeks on the list are not

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bludgeoned critics and read- scious that he is lying. He lies advances him toward the people with whom McCarry has populated it. Jack Adams must be seen as himself rather than as a mirror of Bill Clinton else. But Jack Adams, carried "from triumph to triumph" by "his brains, his personality The 1990s mean Bill Clin- and his dazzling mendacity, ton, who is — in thin disguise is Clinton to the core, done up in a portrait far more pen-McCarry's title. Though Mc- erraring and devastating than any other yet drawn, as summarized in the words of a man courage, a "unique, natural who understands Adams' essential nature:

"Jack has a great natural gift. Since childhood, he has studied people, found out In Fitzgerald Adams, the Without money, without inirresistibly charming and ut- fluence, without connections,

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BEST SELLERS

terly unscrupulous "lucky he has risen to the top every time. He has this uncanny pift time. He has this uncanny gift It is true that fact is fact and for making others like him. himself." Apart from a vague fiction is fiction and that the Trust him. Want to help him. sense of mission imparted by author of the latter must be It's like a spell he can cast at his fantasy of belonging to the permitted to keep his distance will. . . . Jack lies about evfrom the former, a point with which Philip Roth has ways has. He's not even coning to do anything as long as it

get what he wants. The amazing thing is, everyone knows not merely by his various Soabout everything, but nobody seems to mind.

Jack, who is 21 as the novel begins in the mid-1960s, is an orphan from "a long line of Ohio steelworkers,"
"American boy" with square flashing teeth, eyes swimming with sincerity," long on brains and short on talent" at the game of politics and a compulsive womanizer who is "mad" for quick, impersonal sex. He also - or so at least he imagines — is the illegitimate son of John Firzgerald Kennedy, and "the idea that he is a Kennedy bastard is the central obses-

sion of this kid's life." These words are spoken by an American agent of the Soviet Union, a "talent spotter" the communist revolution across the globe, even into the Oval Office. In Jack he sees that rara avis among Ivy League radicals, a birthright member of the proletariat," and he has little difficulty persuading his handlers in Moscow and New York to un-

dertake the young man's indocmination. Jack becomes, in the end. steered toward the world's highest office by a bizarre alliance of drug dealers, big-money political operators and Marx-besoned leftists. He is at once the cat's paw of his loose cannon, an "agent of influence" and a man of his own. In all, a most dangerous and entirely, implacably selfinterested creature, whose nonexistent conscience per-

course proves - or seems to be most promising. Unlike Condon's protagonist, a fairly ordinary if not wholly innocent man who is brainwashed into becoming an agent of his Manchurian candidate, McCarry's Jack Heart," but it is a pity. "Lucky Bastard" may not quite reach the heights of "Shelley's Heart," but it is serious fiction Adams needs little persuading. He is the ultimate nar-

cissist who feels nothing for

"everything in life except the most important thing in life, himself." Apart from a vague

that he lies all the time and viet handlers but also by Morgan Weatherby, whom he meets at Harvard Law School and in time marries. She is or so she presents herself to him at first -- "a Movement pilgrim," a humorless and obsessive woman who "was, "curly hair, doughy young like her many counterparts, face, a brilliant smile: large deeply deluded about almost everything, a state of being that left her convinced that she was one of the few sane people on Earth, and that her beliefs would keep her so as long as she lived by them and was faithful to them." Her transformation from grim ideologue into "a more traditional American political wife" is most amusing and will, like the character of her husband, reward scrutiny by students of contemporary American history; but we should no doubt follow McCarry's instructions and read no more into her than in the quest for a leader to take the novel itself suggests, tempting though it may be to

McCarry proves himself a mordant and knowledgeable observer of American politics. He finds much to make light of and little, if anything, to esteem. He writes political fiction, that is to say fiction about how politics works and about the kind of people who do it, not the Manchurian candidate but at times he lapses into but the Chinese candidate, political commentary. As one who shares most of his judgments I find this agreeable, but it erects an unnecessary barrier between the fundamental intelligence and sophistication of his work and the re-Soviet manipulators and a flexive viewpoints of many readers. When, a couple of years ago, I praised "Shel-ley's Heart" as an exemplary novel about life in high-stakes Washington, I was chided by a number of people who mismits him to follow whatever took him for a conservative ideologue and could not see beyond that. This probably

In this as in his other novels,

do otherwise.

will happen again, for delib-erately or not McCarry invites and deserves to be read as such

by readers of all persuasions.

### The New York Times on the Web announces its new international prices:







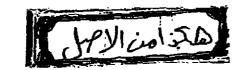
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# For U.S. Protégés in Rwandan Army, What Use Was Rights Training?

By Lynne Duke Washington Post Service

KIGALI, Rwanda - When Rwandan troops invaded the former Zaire in October 1996, it was a rude jolt for the U.S. officials managing relations with Rwanda. Following the civil war here two years earlier, during which more than a half million Rwandans were massacred, the United States had become increasingly close to the Rwandan government and the army that backed it. Rwanda's de facto leader, Major General Paul Kagame, was regarded in Washington as a brilliant military strategist. Hoping to build stability in strife-tom central Africa, Washington pumped military aid into General Kagame's army, and U.S. Army Special Forces and other military personnel trained hundreds of Rwandan

But General Kagame and his colleagues had designs of their own. While the Green Berets trained the Rwandan Patriotic Army, that army was itself secretly training Zairian rebels. Rwandan forces then crossed into Zaire and joined with the rebels to attack refugee camps where exiled Rwandan extremists were holed up. That touched off a war that eventually toppled Africa's longest-reigning dictator, Mobutu Sese

Although the United States shared the goals of

by surprise, sources in both countries say. And when the Rwandan forces became involved in massacres and other human rights abuses inside Zaire, which is now known as Congo, the United States faced a dilemma over how to react that persists to this day.

The story of the U.S. relationship with the Rwandan military illustrates the complications that have occurred when military ties — and, in particular, hard-to-track training operations by U.S. special operations forces — have become a prime instrument of American policy. Since the early 1990s, deployments of special operations forces have been rapidly expanding in Africa. This is part of a worldwide increase in contacts that are not subject to the civilian and congressional oversight that applies to other foreign military aid programs.

In the last two years alone, U.S. special op-erations troops have taught light infantry tactics or other military skills to troops in 21 African countries. South Africa is to become number 22

In the case of Rwanda, U.S. officers publicly portrayed their engagement with the army as almost entirely devoted to human rights training. But the Special Forces exercises also covered other areas, including combat skills. As a result,

units trained by Americans later took part in atrocities during the war in Zaire.

A United Nations report released last month charged that elements of the Rwandan Army were involved in abuses during the war that "constitute crimes against humanity," including the massacre of unarmed civilians and refugees.

Despite continued reports of human rights abuses by the Rwandan Army, this time inside Rwanda, a new round of joint combined exchange training between U.S. Army Special Forces and Rwandan units is scheduled to begin Wednesday. It will be the second this year.

U.S. officials defend the exchange training by arguing that it is wiser to engage with Rwanda to help it develop a human rights culture than it would be to step aside and risk a new descent by the country into chaos.

The origins of this policy lie in the Rwandan civil war, which began in 1990 when a rebel force led by minority Tutsi exiles invaded Rwanda from Uganda and attempted to overthrow the government, which was led by Hutu. General Kagame, a Tutsi who was then a colonel in the Ugandan Army, was at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas when the way bearn. He drowned out to Kansas, when the war began. He dropped out to take command of the rebel army, and later took

The peace collapsed in April 1994, Extremist Hutu in the government and army subsequently.

Finally, a revived rebel movement led by General Kagame defeated the government army and took power in Kigali in July. Hundreds of thousands of Hutu, fearing retribution, fled to eastern Zaire. Many of the Hum soldiers and militiamen involved in the massacres took refuge

U.S. officials were deeply relieved that the rebels had halted the massacres, thus ending the pressure for a U.S.-led intervention. They also said they were greatly impressed by General agame's leadership.

But Rwanda's new civilian government was largely a facade. General Kagame, who took the posts of vice president and defense minister, remained in charge. With elections nowhere in sight, a diplomat said, the government was, in essence, a "disguised military dictatorship."

And that government felt it held the upper hand in its platform with Washington becomes its symul.

in its relations with Washington because its army had put an end to the massacres while the West dithered. Analysts here say the Rwandans have and values for the military to protect."

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1993. prevent a recurrence. In deciding how to deal with the lingering problem of the Rwandan orchestrated massacres of Tursi around the country. At least 500,000 people were slaughtered, while Western governments and the United Nations debated what to do.

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Pasteur Bizimungu. A diplomat here said, "I think the Americans

were terribly manipulated by this government and now are almost held hostage by it.

Lieutenant Colonel Frank Rusagara offered a Rwandan perspective. He returned in April from three months of defense resource managemen training at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California Now, as secretary-general of the Rwandan Defense Ministry and thus the top policy-maker for military development, he presides over a military administration that started from scratch in 1994 as a national entity.

He described the army as a reflection of Rwandan society: in flux as it tries to establish a new set of social values.

"Among us there are orphans of genocide victims," Colonel Rusagara said. "Among us there are sons and daughters whose parents actively were in the genocide. Over a period of time, we have to establish democratic institutions and values for the military to restart."

### U.S. Joins a World Call For Small-Arms Curbs

Oslo Conference Sees Danger in Lax Controls

By Raymond Bonner

OSLO — Citing "uncontrolled" pro-liferation and "excessive" accumulation of small arms and light weapons around the world, the United States joined 20 other governments Tuesday in calling for measures to control the illicit and legal sales of small arms and light

The appeal was the first of its kind by governments acting in concert.

And although they failed to issue a statement of "common understanding," even after it was watered down during two days of closed-door meetings, the strongest advocates of controls on the small arms trade were pleased with the developments.

"We made a step," said Marc Van Craen, director of Belgium's foreign aid

United Nations convention on the rights

"Twenty-one countries reached a common understanding that we have to do something about the plague of small weapons and a broad agreement on what needs to be done," said Ambassador Van Craen, who served in Burundi during some of the worst killings there. details, the difficulty starts.'

Some of those difficulties were foreshadowed here, during the efforts to draft a statement of "common understanding," and discussions on a proposed treaty, put on the table by Canada that would restrict small-arms sales.

Reflecting the virtual absence of any international legal controls now, the treaty would bar sales only to "nonstate embargoes. actors," such as rebels, terrorist groups and criminal organizations.

Nevertheless, the United States and other countries expressed misgivings about the proposed treaty, fearing that it

sales in support of "liberation" groups

and sales to private companies.

On the other hand, Colonel Sirakoro Sangare, a military adviser to president of Mali, which has just recently come out of a long civil war, said the Canadian

proposal was "very good."

Other countries felt that the Canadian proposal did not go far enough because it did not deal with sales to dictatorial

governments or to regions of conflict. "This is the floor, not the ceiling," said Steven Lee, a member of the Canadian delegation and director of the Canadian Center for Foreign Policy De-

velopment.
"What we've tried to do is put the puck on the ice and get the game start-

One thing everyone here agreed on was that it is going to be a long, and

At the insistence of the United States, He noted that it took 13 years to get a Great Britain and South Africa, language was removed from the document calling for governments to release information publicly about their small arms production and holdings.

Britain plans to address this, but only

in part, by preventing arms dealers from selling weapons to countries on which the United Nations has imposed arms

While weapons falling from the sky seems downright bizarre, the other elements of this tale typify a black-market small-arms transaction. "You have deals has no legal responsibility to check on novations Ltd., which arranged for the like this being brokered on all continents would impinge on foreign policy and of the world every day," said Donald commercial interests, by barring covert Manross, an American who is director of



An Indian soldier checking out weapons seized Tuesday from Muslim separatists in the disputed Kashmir area.

#### ARMS: Buying, Selling and Moving Light Weapons Is a Wily Game of Eluding Lax Laws

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from the United States or brokering which occurred in late 1995.

The administration is pushing other countries to adopt similar controls.

er they are shipping weapons directly that is still investigating the Purulia deal,

to flourish because even legal transactions are highly secret. To protect the interests of businesses,

most governments, including the United States, do not disclose information about India - his plane was forced down licenses issued to arms exporters. Also, the document that governments

rely on to control the destination of weapons, the so-called end-user certificate, can be easily forged, and a dealer the validity of this certificate before

Rebel groups and terrorists use phony

the firearms and explosives division at end-user certificates to disguise where India to 12 counts, all of which carry the

Britain has tough export controls, but in this sale to the Indian religious sect, It is easier for the black-market trade none of the arms touched British soil and no British documents were involved.

Thus, while the British arms broker. Peter Bleach, languishes in a Calcutta jail on charges of waging war against when the deal went sour - he does not there has been considerable discussion appear to have violated any laws in

Britain, where he was based. Nor is the other British arms-trading company, Border Technology and Inweapons to be bought and shipped from

Bulgaria, accused of any crime. Mr. Bleach has pleaded not guilty in

made on the shadowy arms trade, said Mr. Manross of Interpol, end-user certificates need to be standardized so that it is more difficult for them to be forged and easier for a company to check their

Mr. Manross noted that in the last year among a few government and independent groups that study the small-arms trade about the need to crack down on palace. the illicit trade in small weapons, 'Now, we have to move to concrete

action," he said.
The deal of Mr. Bleach began in the summer of 1995 when he heard from a German commodities trader that a Danish businessman wanted to buy

Like many arms traders, he has a military background, having served in the British Army. Afterward, he was a prison guard in what was then white-

ruled Rhodesia. He returned to Britain as a private investigator and later took up commodities trading, including arms deals. His

company, Aeroserve, has a license from the British Ministry of Defence.

ago in the course of their political activities in the Conservative Party. Mr. Hudson, who is engaged in a outside the country is not quite what it campaign to save Mr. Bleach from might wish. In the United States, the hanging, likes to call him "the Milk family made headlines when Shamon Tray man." It is a reference to an ad-

vertisement popular in Britain in the that during a visit to the Sultan's palace 1970s, where a dashing man in a black she was sexually abused. (A court in polo shirt jumps out of planes and helicopters and braves shark-infested waters or other dangers to deliver a lady her Cadbury's chocolates. For the Purulia deal, the dealer showed up in Amsterdam to meet a man

who introduced himself as Kim Davy. He met with Davy and his lawyer at the business center of the Intercontinental Mr. Davy's real name is Niels Chris-

tian Nielsen. He was born in Denmark in December 1961, according to a confidential Interpol report. He took the name Kim Davy from a New Zealand With a final prayer, the white coffins were lowered into a single large fresh grave, and hundreds of bouquets were placed on top. Three floral tributes that Interpol refers to as a "red notice." A tectotaler and vegetarian, Mr.

Nielsen is a member of the Ananda had asked that the boys be buried here so Marga, a Hindu fundamentalist group olence and the killing of the boys. At a that she would never have to go back to founded in 1955 in India, according to Interpol

The police agency says that the sect has been responsible for "many acts and pedaled his bicycle up to a visitor look- threats of violence against Indian goving at the soot blackened facade of the emment buildings and personnel." and was the intended recipient of the

Mr. Davy eluded the Indian police when Mr. Bleach was seized and is still inside. Told no, he pansed. Then he at large. Several European countries robbery to counterfeiting.

#### **BRUNEI:** The Party Will Go On

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ficult to tell if Brunei is indeed in re-

When times were good and oil prices were high, financial and political transparency—the warehword of the current economic crisis - did not seem to mat-

But in the wake of the spectacular collapse of Amedeo Development Corp., a company run by the Sultan's jetsetting younger brother, Prince Jefri, banks and contractors are begging for

Four years ago, Prince Jefri convinced the Sultan that he could transform this sleepy town of just 60,000 people into a First-World capital. He formed Amedeo and installed his son, Hakim, a teenager at the time, as managing director.

The company took on large infra-

structure projects: a five-star hotel, a hospital, an amusement park and an international school. Overseas, Prince lefri bought a host of inxurious hotels: the Dorchester in London, the Plaza Athenee in Paris, the Beverly Hills and Bel-Air hotels in Los Angeles, and the Palace in New York.

He also took over the company that supplies jewelry to Britain's royal fam-ily, Asprey PLC.

Analysts here said the trouble with Amedeo began last year, when contrac-tors began reporting that they were not being paid. But it was not waril earlier this year that the Sultan ordered an audit of the company's books. The palace has If significant curbs are going to be ing only that an investigation is under way. Bankers and businessmen say the Sultan may divulge more information on

Amedeo during his birthday speech. Prince Jefri, meanwhile, is said to be out of the country and according to several accounts, out of favor with the

Amedeo's total losses have been estimated at as high as \$16 billion, but no its official figure has been given by the

What is certain is that companies that worked with Amedeo are now owed tens of millions of dollars. One of the biggest contractors here said he was owed more than 80 million Brunei dollars (\$47 mil-

Although many of these projects were viewed as public works, the government has said that it will not honor Amedeo's

"Amedeo should deal with its own problems," Ismail Damit, Brunei's minister of national development, said re-

The government's stand has left the bankers and contractors involved feeling

duped.

"When people did business with "He's a Walter Mitty character, and a bit of a lady's man," said Christopher Hudson, who met Mr. Bleach 15 years banker. "This will hurt the image of Brunei and the image of the family."

As it is, the royal family's image outside the country is not quite what it Marketic, a former Miss U.S.A., alleged America last year ruled the Sultan was

immune to prosecution.)
Among Brunei's citizens, who often learn of these and other alleged scandals. from the Internet — the local press does not cover such things — there seems to be a collective shrug.

Referring to Prince Jefri, one of the government's critics, Mohammed Hatta Zain al Abidin, said: "If he's a real Muslim, whatever he has done is between him and God."

This nonchalance is often attributed to the comfortable life that Brunei's citizens lead, sometimes called "Shellfare." (The Royal Dutch/Shell Group is the country's second-largest employer, after the government.) Bruner's crizens are given free medical care, pay no in-come rax and enjoy such privileges asfree access to a large amusement park

outside Bandar Seri Begawan. Business related to oil and gas, which makes up at least 80 percent of total economic output, will not disappear any time soon. Mr. Troner of Asia Pacific Energy estimates that at current production levels Brunei has at least 25 to 35 years of gas left and at least 20 years of crude oil.

Whatever the family does is the business," said a foreman at the Public Works Department on Tuesday as he belped prepare for the Sultan's birthday parade, 'as long as we receive our money every month."

### IMF: Multibillion-Dollar Loan to Russia Leaves Thin Reserves for Any New Emergencies

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alized nations, but all are considered likely to approve the withdrawal. The United States is the largest contributor to the IMF, and holds 18 percent of the votes, the largest share of any nation. With Japan in political and economic flux and other economies throughout Asia moving downward, the IMF and other lending agencies now have few

rescue resources left.

"This puts them pretty close to the bottom of the barrel," said Morris Goldstein, a former IMF official who is now with the Institute for International Economics in Washington. "If a big case comes in, or maybe a couple of mediumsized cases, then you're stuck. Your alternative then is to go around hat in hand and try to put it together bilaterally." Clinton officials said the situation ad-

ded urgency to their request that Congress provide new money for the IMF. The Senate has approved a White House request for \$18 billion.

the money to the IMF without conditions that the White House has considered

not have direct effects on the Russia bailout. But it could help the Fund if it needed additional money to deal with a further spreading of the Asian crisis.

Wednesday. But Republican aides said and the extended family." Monday that the party leadership has not decided whether to seek the full \$18 and Methodist ministers to help him in the the demonstrators to keep their stand and billion or to limit the bill to one part of service, said, "One could even say that the financing, \$3.5 billion that would go we are all united by this horrible event." to an expanded version of the backup

That would leave open the question of the other \$14.5 billion. That money season that have convulsed Northern Irewould be the American contribution to an increase in the monetary fund's main violence against Catholics that culmifinancing pool, which is financed by quotas — or membership dues — levied "The airwaves, the printed page, have

on each of the 182 member countries. Democrats in Congress said that they would push the Republicans to approve the new appropriation.

'We no longer have the luxury of eral Arrangements to Borrow. simply waiting for something to hap-pen," said Senator Tom Daschle of South Dakota, the Democratic leader in the Sen-

Some Republicans in Congress said quire congressional approval. the Fund was exaggerating the crisis it

Fund officials said that they plan to raise \$8.4 billion for the Russia bailout members total \$195 billion. from the credit line, known as the Gen-

The United States, which provides 25 percent of the money under the credit at the White House on Monday, he said:
"It's happened. We've got to act soon."
Some Republicane in Communication of the second o line, expects the Fund's request to be

Under the credit line, the United faces. They said the Fund has \$30 billion States and its major allies can provide worrisome levels, even including the in gold reserves, plus the ability to bor- the fund with up to \$23 billion, which backup credit line. .

has to be repaid at market interest rates. The quotas paid into the Fund by its But of that, the Fund has \$30 billion

available. Half of that has to be kept in reserve in case any member countries decide to withdraw part of their quotas, which they are free to do. The bottom line is that without tap-

ping the backup credit line, the Fund has no more than \$15 billion available. By the end of the year, officials said, its available funds will have declined to

### ${f ULSTER}$ : ${f Sobs}$ ${f Break}$ the Silence at ${f Burial}$ of ${f 3}$ Young ${f Brothers}$

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12. He survived because he was staying that night at the house of his grandmother, Irene Quinn, in Rasharkin.

The coffins were carried into the nave But the House has balked at providing as the steeple bell tolled dirgeful notes. saw linkage between defiant protests the bereaved family.' at the IMF without conditions People throughout the church pressed and violent acts, he said, "The weapons At the service The unacceptable, including limits on family clutched at their parents. The coffin bearlanning. ers, teenagers and young men, were Any congressional approval would overcome with grief, and substitutes were rushed in to shoulder their burden.

The most distraught of them, a man with tattoos and facial jewelry named John Dillon, 28, was said to be the with their protest despite calls from Prot-With each of these developments, it estranged father of the boys, all of whom becomes ever more important that Con- had taken their mother's name. He was gress act quickly to approve IMF fund-ing," a senior U.S. official said Monday. patting the coffins. All references to A House Appropriations subcommit-tee is scheduled to take up the issue on ing the services talked of "Chrissie, Lee

Father Forde, who invited Presbyterian

The Reverend Patrick Walsh, the bishop of Down and Connor, focused on the Republican Army, the pro-Catholic gray stucco home where the boys, who disputes over the Protestant marching group seeking to unite Ulster with Irehad been his friends, died. land in recent weeks and provoked mob

been saturated with noises - strident, for the past four years. Backing the calls harsh, discordant noises - carrying to leave the scene, they said in a statewords of hatred, of incitement, or re-ment, "We place on record our utter crimination, words not found in the revulsion at the murder of the three little vocabulary of Christianity," Bishop boys in Ballymoney and extend our sin-Waish said. Leaving no doubt that he cere sympathy to the parents and to all handkerchiefs to their faces, and children of hate-filled words inevitably fuel clutched at their parents. The coffin bear-weapons of murderous destruction."

The standoff between the Protestant Rasharkin." Orange Order and government security forces at Drumcree church was in its 10th day Tuesday, with its numbers reduced but its leaders determined to carry on estant church leaders and politicians to end it out of respect for the dead boys.

Monday night, the Reverend Ian Paisley, hard-line leader of the Protestants, rejected claims that the Orange protest was linked to the outbreak of mob vibonfire-lit rally at Drumcree, he urged Ballymoney. said that politicians seeking an end to the lymoney, Samuel Montgomery, 8, protest were "dancing on these young fellows' graves." He added that the Irish land, had committed "much worse

crimes" against Protestants. Protestant church leaders stepped up the pressure on the protesters to end their brightened. "They're going to heaven want him for crimes ranging from armed "The airwayes, the printed page, have standoff, scene of violence every July today, right?"

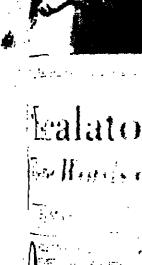
At the service Tuesday, Father Forde business center of the Inconcluded by saying, "Now in peace let Hotel in central London. us take our little boys to their final rest in The coffins were lifted into a single

hearse and driven seven miles (11 kilometers) to a hill near the cemetery. placed on top. Three floral tributes spelled out the boys' nicknames — "Tavish," "Marky," "Ace."

Family members said that Miss Quinn Back at the Carnany Estate in Bal-

He peered through the boarded-up window and asked if they were still

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# Keepers of Ancient Chinese Music Bring Their Art West

By Katherine Tanko

IJIANG, China — It is a Wednesday evening in Lijiang's Academy of Music. A dozen elderly men dressed in black gowns embroidered with gold brocade take their place on stage. Seated in squat, high-backed chairs, they tune their aging instruments — a weathered transverse flute, standing guitars, Chinese lutes — as the lights begin to dim. With their weather-beaten faces, loog white beads and don't cleaned the standard and s long white beards and dark glasses, they look more like Taoist jazz musicians than retired peasants and workers.

But then the Dayan Naxi Ancient Music Association is not your typical music troupe. Appearing this fall in their first European tour, these mostly elderly musicians are the lone keepers of Chinese imperial music dating from the seventh century. Known as Dongjing, this ancient form of classical Chinese music disappeared from the 13th century onward. It survived intact only among the Naxi, a minority group based in the remote hill town of Lijlang, in northwestern Yunnan Province.

The champion defender of Dongjing is Xuan Ke, a Naxi scholar and musician who helped set up the group, and the affiliated Naxi Academy of Music, in 1986. Despite the group's success in raising awareness of Dongjing, Xuan warned that this ancient musical legacy remained threatened. "Dongjing is in danger of dying out," Xuan said. "We

must do everything we can to preserve this music

The Academy is in the heart of Lijiang's old town, an 800-year-old labyrinth of flagstone streets lined with stone houses, arched bridges and a rushing canal, resting in the shadow of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountains. Also known as Dayan, this ancient township is a Unesco Heritage Site and a magnet for domestic tourists and overseas Chinese hankering for some pre-Mao nostalgia.

Dongjing survived in Lijiang
— long after it vanished elsewhere in China — thanks to the
town's isolation and the tenacity of its inhabitants, Descended from Tibetan nomads, the Naxi are an intelligent and cultured people, egalitarian in spirit, independent by nature. They are also matriarchal: Women control all aspects of economic life while men are traditionally gardeners, child-minders, scholars and musicians. Regardless of his wealth, a Naxi man could never be considered a

gentleman unless devoted to scholarship or well-versed in ancient musical tra-

The Naxi inhabit one of the most inaccessible, mountainous regions of China. Lijiang rests on a remote plateau 2,400 meters (7,900 feet) high. Too small and isolated to attract the interest of invading armies, for centuries it thrived as an independent town catering to the perial China - some compositions date



A member of the Naxi orchestra performing in his hometown of Lijiang, China.

area's minority tribes. As a result, the Naxi evolved as a largely autonomous group with a distinct culture, religion, pictographic language - and music.

Naxi ancient music, as Dongjing is more commonly known, has been called the most genuine, unchanged, undecorated traditional Eastern music alive. It originated in the ancient courts of imfrom as far back as the Tang and Song dynasties — but was lost under the influence of successive invaders. Used as Taoist ceremonial music, it thrived in ijiang where it was zealously passed down from father to son. The music was so popular that at one point there were more than 30 Dongjing associations in

ditional way with each instrument by concert revenue and tape tuned to a different note on the ancient Chinese five-tone scale. Only authentic instruments are used, including the lute, pipe,

zither, gong and bamboo flute. Of the 32 musicians who make up the Naxi orchestra, many are in their 70s and 80s. The chief conductor is 88, while Xuan is considered a mere youth at 69. The musicians' day jobs --- if they're young enough to have jobs --range from peasant and factory worker to accountant and tour

The most recent threat to Dongjing came during the Cultural Revolution when musicians were forced to bury their instruments -- some of which had been handed down for generations — to keep them from being destroyed

In the 1950s, Xuan was a music conductor based in the provincial capital, Kunming, and wrote lively, outspoken articles on art and culture. He was imprisoned in 1957 after the Hundred Flowers Movement, and spent 21 years in a tin-mining camp in southern Yunnan, a place he describes as a "human hell." He was not

released until after Mao's death. Xuan then returned to Lijiang, with a vision to preserve what was left of Naxi culture for future generations.

The Naxi Academy of Music was Dongjing music is played in the tra- formally opened in July 1986. Financed travels frequently in Asia.

sales of Dongjing music, it offers free lessons in Naxi history, culture and music to more than 100 students. Although traditionally the preserve of men, it is now young women and girls who show the most interest in carrying on Naxi musical traditions. Female students make up more than 75 percent of the Academy's music classes. Since its debut concert in July 1988,

the Dayan Naxi Ancient Music Association has generated huge international interest in Dongjing. The nightly hometown concerts, which began as modest affairs drawing a handful of curious spectators, now attract devotees from around the world. The group held its first overseas concerts in Britain in 1995

and performed in Oslo this year at the invitation of the king of Norway.

In September, European audiences will get the chance to hear this rare music during a series of concerts in Paris, Geneva, Turin, Grenoble and Frankfurt.

Despite the group's success, Xuan fears that Naxi ancient music faces its greatest threat yet; pop music. Few young people, he said, are interested in classical forms these days. The advanced age of the group's senior musicians is also a cause for concern. But if Xuan's passion is anything to go by, the music that survived revolutions and Red Guards will continue to echo through the hills of Yunnan for generations to come.

Katherine Tanko is a journalist who



Words (Paul Haines) and music (Carla Bley) for "Escalator Over the Hill."

### 'Escalator' on Tour Where Words and Music Converge

By Mike Zwerin International Herold Tribune

RLEANS, France — Do not expect straight-ahead, whatyon-hear-is-what-you-get lan-guage from Paul Haines. It will never be crooked, never be a lie; on the contrary. Expect his words to describe reality on a level apart. They will dance time only by mail. "I guess I got most of with hidden and graceful and totally original and honest design.

Ask him to define "Escalator Over the Hill" and he'll say something like: "It falls outside the natural reach of narrative, and this is left to the music to

The 1971 recording of "Escalator" has become a legend. It is now reissued in a 2-CD box. Currently being performed on the summer festival circuit, it was written by Haines and Carla Bley. The former, who wrote the book, calls it "EOTH." Or, as is written on the cover, a "chronotransduction."

Other people call it an opera. It is a long work combining words and music deconstructed cantata maybe. The image of an escalator on a hill came from Haines's "aversion to the overused verb 'to escalate' that was heard so often during the Vietnam War." Which rewinds him: "The most overused word

"Iday is 'interactive." Bley's music was one of the first and is still among the most successful marnages of jazz, from New Orleans to free, with other musical traditions, such as the Broadway song form and contemporary classical music. The record features a colorful bouquet of performers including Jack Bruce, Charlie Haden, Linda Ronstadt, Roswell Rudd, Don Cherry, Viva, Paul Motian, Enrico Rava, Gato Barbieri and John McLaughlin.

In addition, the credits add, "Flies, Bullfrogs, and Mindsweepers are played by Carla Bley, Michael Mantler and Don Preston.

Before last year, it had never been performed live. Staggered by the amount of work involved, Bley avoided it. It had b be brought down from 90 people to 23, from three tubas to one, and so on. She was finally talked into it, with the help of subsidy money, on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the city of Cologne last year. Then, as she puts it, "the problem" was that her agent "liked it so much he insisted on a tour

this summer." This was a real problem; she could no longer say no. Most of the original players and singers were unavailable, and even with the reduced instrumentation, EOTH still in-

volves a very big band indeed. It has "major work" written all over it. A resemblance to the Berlin operas of Kurt Weill has been noted. During a press conference after a performance as part of the Orleans Jazz Festival this month, by was asked about Weill, and she said:
Y'd never heard Kurt Weill when I wrote 'Escalator.' But I had heard Erik Satie. He was my favorite composer."

Sitting next to her, Haines said: "Did you know that Satie slept in the same

sheets for six years without changing them? They went from white to gray to the color of the upholstery in a Ford Fairlane." Haines values such information. The press looked puzzled.

Bley and Haines understand each other, they are easy with each other --- two people who have been close friends for much of their lives, even if for years at a my Satie licks via the Beatles," Bley completed her thought. "Mostly 'Magical Mystery Tour.

A veteran bandleader and composer who lives near Woodstock, New York, Bley is probably the best known and certainly one of the most prolific, original and widely accepted female jazz musicians. She helps run her own record label, WATT, which is distributed by ECM. Her daughter Karen Mantler is a singer and keyboardist on this tour.

Bley and the bassist Steve Swallow became the romantic jazz couple of the '90s a few years ago, after being col-leagues for two decades. It was big news. The relationship still seems to be in a way that still sounds fresh, like a as good as it was unexpected. Swallow sat on the floor and observed the press conference in silence.

Haines's full head of unruly white hair is in your face. His malleable features turn beet red after one of his frequent hearty laughs. A native of Vassar, Michigan, he has lived in Coconut Grove, Florida, Heidelberg, Germany, Lausanne, Paris, Grenoble, New Mexico, Maine and Ontario.

Now 66, he is a poet and a filmmaker and a retired French teacher and translator who took Canadian nationality after living and working there for many years. He has a happy marriage and three grown children. He wrote "Escalator" in New Delhi while teaching there. Haines walks on mechanical knees, a result of a hit-theground-running athletic boyhood, which was recalled when the Vassar newspaper published the headline: "Local Athlete Writes Opera."

Haines cannot resist transmuting whatever words cross his purview. He is a spinner of lines, one after the other, they come out of his head like ... gray hairs. He loves to laugh at his own lines, and at lines by others such as Oscar Levant's definition of an arheist as "a man with no invisible means of support."

They keep coming, line after line, with fancy circles in between, and sweeping curves: "I was living in New Delhi, and I sent the words out to Carla to work on. They describe sensations. Not ideas; sensations. Although there are a few sensational ideas there, of course."

He said he loves his line "You have to give up what you don't want, to get what you do want." "That's true, you know," he said. He flinched, "I'm waiting for Carla

to say 'I never liked that line. Bley smiled, "The one I really like is about 'singing to mice born dead in traps."" There was an awkward silence,

people took time getting it.
And Haines finally said, "Carla got into the intersections where these lines meet, and she wrote the music."

### Operatic White Nights in St. Petersburg

By George W. Loomis

T. PETERSBURG - For a major music festival, the Stars of the White Nights maintains an unusual capacity for the spon-

Held at the end of June when hours of darkness here are at a minimum, it is an occasion for the top artists of the Maryinsky Theater (still called the Kirov internationally) to reunite in St. Petersburg, no matter how far afield their careers have taken them, and reprise the high points of the current season.

But the artistic director, Valery Gergiev, makes sure there is also room for experimentation. This year he decided only a few weeks before the opening to perform "Semyon Kotko," Prokofiev's first attempt at an opera on a Soviet subject. It was performed in concert, where last year the company put to-gether a new production of "Boris Godinov" in barely over a month. But "Boris" is "Boris," while "Semyon Kotko," which has had only a handful of performances since its unsuccessful premiere in 1940, is all but unknown. The late Sviatoslav Richter had com-

mended "Semyon Kotko" to Gergiev, but this ardent champion of Prokofiev would surely have gotten to it anyway. His absorbing and often brilliant performance set everyone to wondering what it would be like to see the opera

capitulating to Soviet demands for mu- up what dramatic associations it will. sical simplicity, brings together in a so-phisticated way Prokofiev's earlier, conversational approach to opera and the kind of infectious melodies he had a

special knack for producing.
Set in Ukraine during World War I efore the Soviets gained control, 'Semyon' has, like many operas, a love interest that crosses social lines in matching a Soviet soldier with the daughter of a landowner. Its themes of military and political conflict have genuine operatic resonance. One scene, the close of act three, is a

real knockout - a massive choral ensemble based on an ostinato figure in the manner of "The Fiery Angel," which reaches an overwhelming climax as the Germans work their havoc. All well and good, but this is an opera

that glorifies the Soviet state in the most unsubtle of ways. In one scene Semyon gives a lesson to his fellow soldiers in how to use artillery. The opera ends with a banal Soviet celebration - a weak moment. It might be tempting to change the libretto, but that would draw other unfortunate parallels to Soviet times. Can a palatable way be found to stage

the troublesome scenes? If not, maybe the best way to experience "Semyon Kotko" was the way we did at the Maryinsky Theater - furnished with an inadequate English synopsis, struggling to catch the odd word of text while taking in the fascinating mustaged. It revealed music that, far from sic and letting the imagination conjure

Viktor Lutsyuk gave a good approx-

imation of the title role; Tatiana Pavlovskaya was rather more than that as his lover Sofia, especially arresting in the rapid delivery of her duet with Semyon. Fedor Kuznetsov was effective if a bit youthful as Sofia's evil father. The young partisan Mikola gets some of the best tunes, and Yevgeni Akimov sang them handsomely. Natalia Ushakova was mesmerizing in leading off the third-act ensemble.

'Semyon Kotko'' was sparsely attended, something that could not be said for most White Nights events, least of all Placido Domingo's appearance in a Wagner concert offering two complete acts. The tenor was in refulgent form and brought with him two ladies well known internationally, Deborah Voigt and Violeta Urmana.

'N still another concert, the Maryinsky's enchanting young lyric soprano Anna Netrebko offered her first performance as Violetta in "La Traviata" in a performance fervently led by Gianandrea Noseda. which benefited from the robustly sung Germont of Vassili Gerello.

The close of the festival brought no respite for this hard-working company. After an interval of barely a week came a new production of "La Forza del Destino." Gergiev likes to perform operas in alternate versions and had a good excuse for offering this one in Verdi's original form: St. Petersburg was the site of its premiere in 1862.

The whole evening had a historical tone, for the new sets were based on Andreas Roller's designs for the premiere, with their striking vistas and vaulted buildings. Under the circumstances, Elijah Moshinsky's direction was fittingly conventional.

The St. Petersburg version differs from the familiar Milan version of 1869 in many ways, most obviously in its ending. Don Alvaro curses humanity and hurls himself off a cliff, a logical fate for one against whom destiny had exerted its force with such unrelenting harshness. But Verdi had a point when he said he needed to "avoid so many deaths" and the consoling trio that ends the later version in lieu of the suicide has musical beauties one hates to pass up.

Still, the original ending, with its furious music reminiscent of the "Rigoletto" storm whipped into shape by Gergiev, made an impact, one that doubtless would have been even stronger had Gegam Grigorian succeeded in developing Don Alvaro into a truly tragic figure. As it was, one appreciated his splendidly heroic singing. Galina Gorchakova sang Leonora passionately, but one missed the floated high notes that are so closely identified with the role. Nikolai Putilin was a powerfully vengeful Don Carlo.

George W. Loomis is a music writer

### Summer School Is in Session: 'After Darwin'

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By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON - If you are thinking of enrolling in summer school, you could do a lot worse than the redoubtable Timberlake Wertenbaker's postgraduate crash course in the Darwin legacy, "After Darwin" at Hampstead.

This update on evolution confirms Wertenbaker's theatrical courage, if not always her stage skills. She has always been good at the linking of two ap-parently disparate worlds. "Our Coun-try's Good," which made her name a decade ago, was about Restoration comedy and the first convicts to be dispatched to Australia, and now we have two actors and an immigrant director from Eastern Europe and their black American dramatist rehearsing a pubtheater play about the conflict between Darwin and the captain of his discovery

ship, Robert Fitzroy.
Once again, Wertenbaker has two scenarios clashing by night: We get a good summary of the relationship between Darwin and Fitzroy across the 30 years or so between Darwin's theory from his original trip to the Galapagos that man is descended from apes rather than Adam and Fitzroy's eventual suicide because he could not bear the weight of being the sailor who took

Darwin there in the first place. In their modern dress, Darwin is a flaky actor eager to abandon his theater contract and head for Hollywood fame, however fleeting, while Fitzroy is the dedicated, old-fashioned stage luvvie fighting a losing battle against showbiz triumphalism and the coming of the violent video. "After Darwin" gets into logistical trouble only when the latterday drama of the actors in the pub threatens to become more interesting than the original conflict between Fitzroy and Darwin.

Michael Feast as Fitzroy and Jason Watkins as Darwin give two mesmerizing performances, while Colin Sal-mon and Ingeborga Dapkunaite have more of a struggle with the less developed roles of the playwright and the director. As we and the play lurch backward and forward across time and place, there are moments when you wish that Wertenbaker had just stuck to one plot or the other, since both are of considerable complexity. But there is no doubt that "After Darwin" is an even-

ing of considerable dramatic daring, agilely staged by Lindsay Posner. Something curious is going on at the Theatre Royal Haymarket: Dame Edna

having packed her bags rather sooner than might have been expected, the management is continuing through the summer a series of solo shows in one of the most magnificent playhouses ever built for full-scale drama. Solos are certainly the cheaper option, and maybe soon the Haymarket will, like the Whitehall, turn itself over to a television studio, thereby abandon-

ing the need to sell tickets at all. First of the summer solos is Steven Berkoff in a memorably dark and daft 90minute ramble around "Shakespeare's Villains," one that with traditional modesty he bills as "a master class" but that disgracefully sloppy and undeveloped evening at full West End prices.

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resembles in truth a kind of leftover lecture to first-year drama students interrupted by a few over-the-top rantings from the Bard. Having decided, and perhaps rightly, that the only playwright and

director really worth dealing with are himself and himself. Berkoff gives us some grudging purple passages, in which he scores best when turning Lady Macbeth into a drag act for seaside pantomimes and Oberon into an unexpectedly malevol-

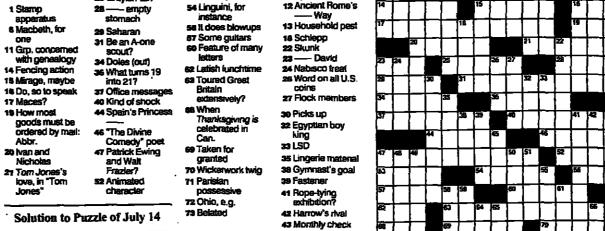
ent villain instead of the usual fairy king. But the trouble with doing everything yourself is that you are ultimately, as here, left alone on stage with no scenery, no costumes and no one to help when the going gets rough, as it has here in a

Briefly and finally, Jean-Marie Besset's What You Are and What You Expect" at the Lyric Hammersmith comes from Paris and the elegant, bleached school of Yasmina Reza. Though this is not another "Art," it shares in Jeremy Sams's translation an air of high chic and low cunning. The tale is of industrial espionage and, as the title might suggest, the gap between well-laid plans and unforeseen emotional and professional happenings. Thierry Harcourt's staging is as chic as a cover of Parisian Vogue and also, as I have always found Reza, curiously devoid of any real feeling. The result is much like a French film of 40 years ago, elegant and some-how empty and minimalist, all style and precious little content except that which is insufferably precious itself.

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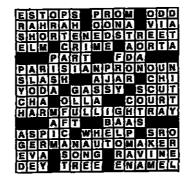
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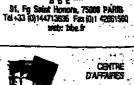
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### Lloyd's 'Names' Battle To Stem Corporate Tide

New Investors Transform Insurance Market

By Tom Buerkle nal Herald Tribus

LONDON - When they were admitted four years ago, corporate investors were regarded as the saviors of Lloyd's of London. They were to six comfortably beside the thousands of private individuals who had supported the insurance market for more than 300 years with their own wealth and personal assets.

But today those corporate investors exercise increasing dominance and are on the cusp of seizing permanent control of Lloyd's from the "Names," as the individual investors are known.

In a two-month series of auctions that began Tuesday they are seeking to buy out many of the remaining Names, marginalizing them to the point of near extinction with a powerful inflow of investment.

The shift has inspired an emotional and acrimonious debate over the future of Lloyd's, pitting corporate arguments of efficiency and global competitiveness against the Names' appeal to tradition and accusations of corporate greed and conflict of interest.

"There's an historic shift taking place," said Graham McKean, a longstanding Name at Lloyd's who is also chairman of the insurance brokerage Ballantyne McKean & Sullivan Ltd.

Mr. McKean wornes that the growing control by corporations with their tendency for top-heavy management could damage Lloyd's by stifling the underwriting in-novation that has always been the market's hallmark. But, he said, "the forces against Names are now very strong

Lloyd's currently has 155 underwriting syndicates, mainly smaller operations specializing in everything from ship and aircraft insurance to general liability coverage for industrial companies. Traditionally, those syndicates have relied for funding on Lloyd's annual capital-raising venture, whereby Names can join, renew or terminate their backing for individual syndicates each year. The Names, who range from small-

business owners to aristocrats, pledge their homes, their farms and other assets

as collateral to cover any losses. It has been that way since merchants and shipowners first gathered at Edward Lloyd's coffee house in 1688 to insure cargoes in England's fast-growing spice trade. But Robert Hiscox, a veteran underwriter and former deputy chairman of Lloyd's who has been in the corporate vanguard since floating his busidess on the stock market as Hiscox PLC in 1993, says the whole setup is an expensive, cumbersome relic of 19th-century capitalism that could die out in

as little as three years.

"It's like fighting with bows and arrows against rifles," he said.

Unlike corporate vehicles that operate with permanent capital paid in by shareholders, Mr. Hiscox said, traditional syndicates find it hard to compete

in today's global market because Names invest little cash in the business, promising merely to cover losses. The reliance on individual investors - Mr. Hiscox's syndicate at Lloyd's has 6,000 Names — also imposes heavy administrative and regulatory costs. A.M. Best, the U.S. rating agency, estimated those costs at about £300 million (\$183 million) a year for all of Lloyd's, nearly a third of the market's latest profits.

"Our business is being eroded by insurance and reinsurance giants that have been established over the past 10 years," said John Charman, managing director of the Lloyd's underwriter Tarquin PLC. "If we do not react positively and quickly, the ground will be taken out from under us."

Mr. Charman sold Tarquin last week to ACE Ltd., a big Bermuda-based liability insurer, for \$586 million in shares. He predicted that within a few years' time, the market would condense to no more than 20 large corporate players offering a full range of insurance products.

ACE now controls 9 percent of

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General Motors workers on strike in Flint, Michigan, waving at motorists to gain their support, while other strikers, right, march in front of the plant.

The Stakes Rise for Both Sides in GM Strike

By Keith Bradsber New York Times Service

FLINT, Michigan — It began almost six weeks ago as a simple strike at a single General Motors factory over how modern-day workers should build fenders and hoods.

But like a fend between two neighborhood toughs daring each other with escalating taunts, the dispute between GM and the United Automobile Workers union has grown so big, complicated and destructive that a solution now

seems more elusive than ever.

The strike has forced GM to lay off 162,000 workers across North America and close 26 of 29 assembly plants. Any hope of resolving it soon was dealt a big

setback this weekend when both sides threw up their hands in frustration.

The strike also has laid bare some emotional issues for UAW workers about their job security and a steely resolve by the world's largest automaker to fracture, once and for all, the union's insistence on a relationship that GM says threatens its competitiveness. Both sides have invested too much in

the strike to accept defeat.
"Looking at it in actual dollar terms, it's hard to justify, but our long-term viability is on the line," Donald Hackworth, GM's group vice president for North American car operations, said Monday night in a recorded strike-update telephone message for workers, investors and the press that suggested an end would not come soon. "We continue to lag behind the competition — as they continue to get better, our volumes continue to shrink.

[On Tuesday, the company reported that its earnings numbled 81 percent in the second quarter, hurt by the walkouts

that have crippled its North American operations, Reuters reported.

IGM said it would scrutinize \$21 billion in planned capital investments in the United States through 2001 and consider delays in certain development and manufacturing projects, said Gerry Holmes, spokesman for GM's North American operations, according to Agence France-Presse.

At the same time, GM said it had asked a federal court to declare the strike illegal, in order to get striking workers to return to their jobs and to take part in immediate arbitration.]

Each side has repeatedly tried to force the other to back down by escalating the struggle - and in the process has introduced new issues that are not even part of the original dispute.

GM and the union have been willing to escalate the dispute partly because of a combustible combination of huge cash reserves, which have given them the confidence that they can stand a fairly long strike, and a desire by GM ex-

ecutives to stand fast.

The UAW has a strike fund of \$725 million and is only spending about \$3 million a week for strike benefits and health insurance for the 9,200 striking workers and a few laid-off workers who appear ineligible for unemployment compensation.

GM had \$13.6 billion in cash at the end of the first quarter, and has probably spent no more than half of it so far.

GM has been fighting for years to reduce costs. But its struggle has grown more intense because of steady cost reductions at Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. as well as at foreign

Record profits at cross-town rivals in Detroit, combined with Chrysler's pending merger with Daimler-Benz AG of Germany, have put pressure on GM to eliminate a succession of factorylevel agreements over the years that have allowed some employees to stop

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### **High-Tech Team Quits Deutsche Bank**

By John Schmid

FRANKFURT — Deutsche Bank AG, still reeling from the defection of its three top Silicon Valley investment bankers, suffered an even more staggering blow on Tuesday with the mass exodus of virtually the entire high-technology investment banking team.

Credit Suisse First Boston, the investment banking unit of the rival Credit Suisse Group, announced that it had hired 132 staff from Deutsche Bank's 95 percent of the whole Menlo Park, California, operation.

The latest hires had been expected following the announcement two weeks other resignations by top financiers this

By Mike Mills

MCI Communications Corp. is expected to announce in the next few days

that it will sell all of its Internet assets to

Cable & Wireless PLC, the British tele-

communications company, for about \$2

billion, according to sources close to the

by WorldCom Inc., the sources said

Tuesday. That deal is also subject to

approval by the Federal Communica-

tions Commission, which plans to act by

the end of August, agency sources have

MCI and WorldCom agreed to seil

cerns by U.S. and European regulators

that the combined company would un-

The deal is expected to be followed by Justice Department approval of the planned \$37 billion acquisition of MCI

ago that Frank Quattrone, George Boutros and Bill Brady — the stars of the bank's prized technology team — left Deutsche Bank to join CSFB.

Because Deutsche Bank specifically targeted high technology as an vital sector to compete for investment banking deals, the brain drain has been "painful" to the German bank, in the words last weekend of Deutsche Bank chief executive Rolf Breuer.

"Since technology was one of linchpins of their expansion in the U.S. and internationally, it has to be regarded as a Czepliewicz, banking industry analyst lingering speculation that it might be

C& W Seen Buying Entire MCI Net Unit

Spokesmen at MCI, WorldCom, Cable & Wireless and the Justice De-

partment declined to comment on re-

ports of the impending deal and the

merger's approval.

MCI, based in Washington, was one of a handful of companies that created

and controlled most of the Internet's

backbone communications lines and

switches. WorldCom, through its recent

purchase of MFS Communications Co.,

also became owner of another key In-

ternet company, UUNet Technologies

including GTE Corp., said that together

the two would have controlled more

than half of all Internet traffic.

Critics of the WorldCom-MCI deal,

Cable & Wireless earlier had agreed

wholesale Internet service, for \$625

MCI's Internet holdings to address con-cerns by U.S. and European regulators routing equipment, along with its

year that have thwarted Deutsche Bank's already stumbling efforts to break into the top leagues of firms that compete for juicy international deals. 'It was the highest profile defection,

but only the most recent defection, said Mr. Czepliewicz. At its headquarters in Frankfurt, Deutsche Bank confirmed the loss of

staff but declined to comment. On Friday, Mr. Brener said: "We must close this hole" in the investment banking division.

The bank's self-acknowledged have stoked longin London at Salomon Smith Barney. among the next of the world's financial The latest departures follow a spate of giants to announce a big-bang merger with a Wall Street investment

> said the sale did not go far enough in relieving regulators' concerns about the

WorldCom deal. MCI then agreed to

also sell its thousands of residential and

business Internet customers in return for

to European regulators, sources said,

because it would create a major Euro-

pean competitor for Internet traffic.

Selling to Cable & Wireless appealed

Analysts generally said Cable &

"If it's 2 billion bucks, that's not a

Wireless would be paying a fair price

bad thing," said Charles DiSanza of Gerard Klauer Mattison & Co., an in-

stitutional brokerage firm in New York. He also said MCI and WorldCom would

MCI stock was up \$2.50 at \$64.50 in. late trading. Cable & Wireless closed at

809 pence, up 21 pence, in London.

not be harmed by the sale.

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 Intel Corp.'s second-quarter profit fell 29 percent — more than expected — as sales of microprocessors for personal computers faltered. The company earned \$1.17 billion, down from \$1.65 billion in the year-earlier quarter. Sales slipped to \$5.93 billion from \$5.96 billion.

 Intel Corp. responded to an antitrust lawsuit by the Federal Trade Commission by denying that it abused its market power to bully corporate customers. The FTC says Intel withheld key technical data about its chips from several companies.

The New York Times is eliminating the fee for its World Wide Web site for users outside the United States. The site has been charging \$35 a month for such users, although it has been available free to users in the United States.

 Ross Technology Inc., a U.S. industrial unit of Fujitsu Ltd., reported a net loss of \$38.3 million for financial 1998 and said it would lay off about 46 percent of its work force. • Delta Air Lines Inc.'s board authorized a plan to repurchase up to \$750 million of the company's common stock over the next 18 months and to split the shares two for one.

• Harley-Davidson Inc. beat estimates with earnings of \$55.4 million in the second quarter, up from \$49.2 million a

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# Strong Earnings Reports Lift Wall Street to Record

NEW YORK - Stocks soared to a record on Tuesday, bolstered by stronger-than-expected reports of corporate earnings and fresh signs that inflation remains tame.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 149.33 points at 9,245.54 in heavy trading, surpassing the previous closing high of 9,211.84, reached May 13. It now has climbed 16.9 percent

so far this year, well above pre-dictions of lackluster growth that were widespread as 1998 began. Earnings in general have come in ahead of reduced expectations, said Joseph DeMarco, managing director of equity trading at HSBC Asset Management, "We're in the

midst of a summer rally." Ned Riley, chief investment of-

NEW YORK - Cendant Corp.

on Tuesday alleged that fraud at its

CUC International Inc. unit was worse than originally thought and

would force the company to cut its 1998 earnings forecast and restate financial results going back three

Cendant, a franchiser whose

brands include Century 21 real es-

tate brokerages, Avis car rentals

and Ramada hotels, stunned Wall

Street in April with allegations of

accounting irregularities at CUC.

On Tuesday it said the problems

dence that for at least the past three

former CUC reflected a continuing

program of false entries, which

misrepresented the financial per-

formance and condition of that

the vice chairman and chief fi-

'widespread and system-

"We have now received evi-

proving themselves once again."
The Standard & Poor's 500 Index gained 12.39, to 1,177.58, and the

1.968.41. Economic reports also gave the market a boost. The government reported that consumer prices rose 0.1

#### U.S. STOCKS

percent in June, below the 0.2 percent analysts forecast, indicating that the moderate-growth, low-inflation U.S. economy underpinning the bull market remains intact. Retail sales rose 0.1 percent in the same month

after rising 1.2 percent in May.

But the bond market weakened, following a decline in the dollar. The bandwark 30-year Treasury bond ity, that's the kicker for a good part of the profitability," said Steve Reynstree the Kemper Growth

Cendant Sees More 'Irregularities'

nancial officer of the corporation.

earnings would be 5 cents to 6

cents a share below previous ex-

pectations. While it was not im-

mediately clear what the com-

pany's 1998 earnings outlook was,

the First Call consensus estimate

of analysts' forecasts was \$1.13 a

provide detailed information on "all material CUC irregular ac-

counting practices" when it re-

leases its restated and re-audited

financial statements for 1995,

plunge by nearly half — \$14 bil-

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timated it would have to cut its

1997 net income, reported as \$1.00

a share before charges, by 11 cents

Cendant saw its market value

At the time, the company es-

1996 and 1997.

years the financial results of the accounting problems in April.

company," said Michael Monaco, to 13 cents a share.

Cendant said it expected to

Cendant said its 1998 operating

AlliedSignal rose 1/8 to 44 after the aerospace firm said second-Nasdaq composite index climbed quarter net income rose 15 percent for a fifth day, up 2.88, to on strong sales from its aerospace and turbocharger businesses.

Merrill Lynch, the largest U.S. brokerage, and Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette reported record earnings for the second quarter, led by higher fees from underwriting securities and advising in mergers.

Merrill Lynch said net income for the three months ended June 30 rose 17 percent to \$545 million, while profit at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, a unit of the insurer Equitable Cos., rose 42 percent to \$142.3 mil-

ficer at BankBoston Corp., said fell 12/32 to 105 24/32, taking the olds, who runs the Kemper Growth
"Tried-and-true companies are yield to 5.72 percent, up from 5.68 Fund. "The consumer side of the

figure would now have to be cut by

Cendant shares closed \$3,125

"I thought that they would try to

be conservative up front when they

first presented the problem, then

say it was not as bad. But it is the

reverse. It is a lot worse, and they

are still giving a range," said an arbitrageur who declined to be

Cendant said it revised its earli-

Its previous estimates relied

Cendant fired an executive vice

Over a dozen shareholder suits

er estimates after hearing from in-

dependent investigators it hired to

heavily on middle managers at

president, and several other ex-

ecutives resigned, after the com-

pany discovered the irregularities.

against Cendant, several seeking

class-action status, have been filed

look at CUC's books.

CUC, Cendant said.

22 cents to 28 cents a share.

lower, at \$15.75.

better-than-expected results for the second quarter, citing strong trading and corporate finance business. Excluding a \$70 million after the products, rose 1 to 44 5/8, after cluding a \$79 million after-tax gain from the sale of the firm's global

Johnson & Johnson rose 1 13/16 business still seems very strong."

But Merrill fell 2 13/16 to 105%, at 73, after the druggas ker's secondand DLI dropped 1 to 62 1/16, after quarter profit rose 10.6 percent to \$1 both stocks hit a record on Monday.

J. P. Morgan climbed 3 1/16 to 129forecasts. Johnson & Johnson cited 1/16 after the investment bank posted strong sales of prescription drugs.

reporting that second-quarter net in-come fell 23 percent to \$69 million trust and agency services business, because of lower prices and slack Morgan earned \$402 million. Asian demand. (AP. Bloomberg)

### Yen Buoyed by Hope For Reform in Japan

NEW YORK - The dollar fell against the yen Tuesday on spec- Parliament.

Japan's deputy finance minister for international affairs, Eisuke Sakakibara, will discuss ways to bolster the yen. The two will meet in the United States this week, Kyodo News Service reported, citing unidentified sources.

"Any change in Japan is prob-ably a good change," said Robert Fullem, head of currency sales at National Westminster Bank. "No. matter who becomes the next prime higher than rates in Japan. minister, he has to propose revolutionary changes to get the econ- Deutsche marks, up from 1.8005 omy going. That's going to be pos-

itive for the yen." 139.98 year, down from 141.15

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashi-moto resigned after losses by his most of Monday's gains on expec-

Liberal Democratic Party in elections Sunday in the upper house of

Traders and investors hope Mr. Haulation a new government in Iapan
will step up efforts to cut taxes and
bail out banks to revive the faltering

Tradets and investors hope Mr. Hashimoto's successor, who will be
bail out banks to revive the faltering pull the economy out of a recession.

economy.

The U.S. currency was also hurt by talk that Lawrence Summers, the U.S. deputy Treasury secretary, and more quickly than usual in Japan," said Bob Fahkouri, manager of foreign exchange at Generale Bank. That the dollar down, he said. is dragging the dollar down, he said. Tatsuya Enomoto, foreign ex-

change manager at Sumitomo Bank Ltd., said the threat of intervention was putting pressure on the dollar. There's some concern Summers

and Sakakibara may discuss ways to protect the yen from appreciation in the dollar," he said.
Still, Mr. Enomoto said he re-

mained bullish on the dollar because U.S. interest rates were so much The dollar was at

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> tations that new international loans to Russia would help get that country's economy get on track. Germany is Russia's biggest lender and trade partner, so the performance of Russia's economy and

financial markets often influences investor sentiment toward Germany. The pound was battered by weaker-than-expected British June retail prices and sales data from the British Retail Consortium, which reinforced the market view that Brit-

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### 4 Drug Giants in \$350 Million Settlement of Pricing Suits

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CHICAGO — Four major drug companies agreed Tuesday to pay ing it his approval.

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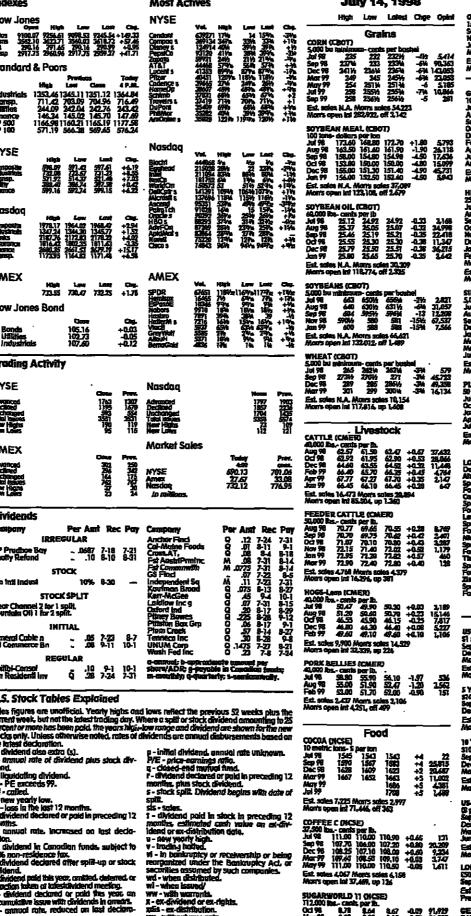
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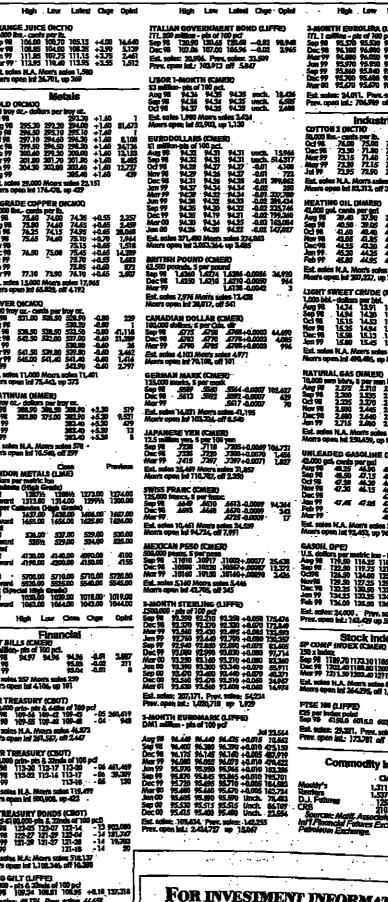
nies settled for \$351 million. Four defendants remain and may take the litigation, which contends that health maintenance organizations had to pay less for drugs, to trial.

Dave Melnick, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said, "I wish that all these The proposed settlement was & Upjohn Inc. and Rhone-Poulenc presented to U.S. District Judge Rorer Inc., a unit of Rhone-Poulenc Two years ago, 11 other compasome stability in the marketplace." suits could be settled so we can have

ish interest rates are not headed higher. (Bloomberg, Bridge News)

#### U. S. STOCK MARKET DIARY INTERNATIONAL FUTURES





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IMF-Led Loans Ease Investors' Fears and Send Stocks Soaring

MOSCOW - Russian stocks and bonds soared Tuesday after the promise of \$22.6 billion in loans led by the International

The benchmark Russian Trading System stock index rose by 26.45 points to 183.65, or 16.83 percent, its biggest one-day gain, while Treasury bills reversed a month's losses in a single day, pushing yields down as much as 71 percentage points.

'Russia looks extremely ap-pealing,' said Gavin Rankin, chief investment officer at Troika Dialog Asset Management in

current government."
The IMF-led loans, which still Monetary Fund eased investors' concern that Russia could default on its debt or be forced to devalue the mble.

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ers, and narrow its budget deficit.
"What's so good about this is it "What's so good about this is it Monday, the government must takes the pressure off and Russia convince the Parliament to pass its now can trade on its own fundamentals," said Bill Browder, a manager at the Hermitage Russia Fund. "The problem we were

confidence in Russia and a firm of this massive debt burden that level of support for the plans of the had to be refinanced on a weekly basis, we had to watch every de-

velopment in other markets."
News of the loans, which also would come from the World Bank gary, Poland and the Czech Reoublic, Russia's traditional trading partners. The Czech and Polish central banks both sold their currencies to slow the appreciation.

For Russia to win approval of the loans by the IMF's board on program of tax policy changes and spending cuts. The lower house of Parliament, the State Duma, meets Wednesday and Thursday before oscow. faced with for the past eight its recess, and will consider the months is it almost didn't matter remaining 27 bills included in the represented a massive boost of what happened in Russia. Because government's program.

### KLM Sees Profit Gain And Seeks Asian Allies

BOMBAY - KLM Royal Dutch Airlines NV said Tuesday that it expected to post double-digit growth in operating profit despite reduced revenue from economically battered Asia, where it said it was seeking parmers.

"It depends a bit on how the simation in Japan will develop further." said Leo van Wijk, president and chief executive of KLM, "If it does not become worse than at this particular moment, we do not see such an impact on our results" for the current fiscal year, which ends next March.

Mr. van Wijk said low fuel prices, KLM's bottom line would offset the ill effects of the Asian crisis.

"Because of these four elements we expect to see double-digit growth," he said. "If we did not

\$63.9 billion from \$30.5 billion.

Of the total market capitalization

have the Asian situation, we would have expected tremendous growth in operating income.

KLM had operating profit of 811 million guilders (\$398.9 million) in the last financial year after a 181million guilder loss the previous year. Mr. van Wijk's comments lifted the price of KLM shares in Amsterdam where they rose 5.90 guilders, to

Mr. van Wijk, who was in India, said he was interested in links with other airlines in the Asia-Pacific region and was discussing a partner-ship with Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., which is based in Hong Kong.

"We have had discussions with a restructuring program, new alli-ances and the addition of profits from the Martinair subsidiary to to other potential partners as well," to other potential partners as well," he said. "They have made it clear that they are in the process of making up their minds, trying to cope with the local situation first — the opening of the new airport being the first priority — and later this year they'll try to sort out the issue of partnership."

Another carrier that is talking to KLM is the financially troubled Garuda Indonesian Airways, according to a Garuda executive. Mr. van Wijk declined to comment on what sort of pact the Indonesian carrier was seeking. In Asia, KLM already has alliances with Malaysia Airlines and Japan Air System.

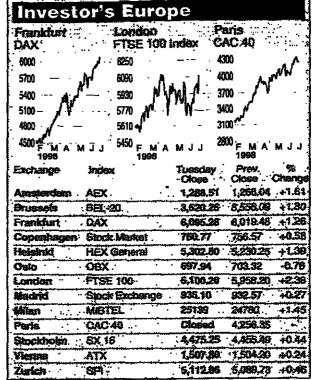
#### Prague Intervenes To Halt Koruna

PRAGUE — The Czech central bank said Tuesday it decided to intervene to halt the rise of the koruna because a recent strengthening of the currency posed a risk to medium-term sustainability of economic growth and could threaten

inflation targets. Dealers said the bank sold up to 17.90 koruny from 17.60 before the intervention.

The koruna has been strengthening throughout the year on the back of high interest rate differentials with other countries. It rose strongly on Monday, along with other currencies, after Russia reached a new deal with international lenders.

The dollar was quoted Tuesday at



#### **Very briefly:**

• Bucher-Holding AG, the Swiss industrial group, is buying the Emhart Glass subsidiary of Black & Decker Corp. of the United States for \$194 million.

• Finnair and Maersk Air won the blessing of the European Commission to form an alliance. The commission said the alliance would reduce the dominance of Scandinavian Airlines System on the Copenhagen-Stockholm route. The European Union's antitrust watchdog also noted that the alliance had already resulted in lower ticket prices.

• Henkel KGAA, Germany's fourth-biggest chemicals company and a maker of consumer products, is entering the American cosmetics market by buying DEP Corp., an American marketer of hair gels, for \$93 million in cash and assumed

 Volkswagen AG's Spanish subsidiary, SEAT, expects to report record profits for the year. Worldwide deliveries rose 18.2 percent in the first half, with sales records set in 13

• British Airways PLC expects losses from European operations to narrow this year from the level of last year, the annual meeting was told.

 Internet service providers from across Europe plan to draft koruny, driving the Deutsche mark a code of conduct next week in Brussels, dealing with such issues as protecting children from harmful on-line content.

> Moldova's country ceiling for bonds and notes was downgraded by Moody's Investors Service Inc. to B2 from Ba2. The ceiling for foreign currency bank deposits was downgraded to B3 from Ba3.

> · Koc Holding, Turkey's largest holding company, canceled the sale of 10 percent of the company to institutional investors outside Turkey because the offered prices were too low.

· Britain's most closely watched measure of inflation ac-32.24 koruny, down from 32.62 celerated less than expected last month, amid signs a 14-koruny on Monday. The central month climb in interest rates may be over and might go into reverse before the end of the year.

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### Arabs Move to Form a Single Financial Market

is likely to rise in coming months.

Chris Stals, in August 1999.

those who have them," Mr. Rubin said.
The labor minister, Tito Mboweni, will leave

his post at the end of this week to spend a year

preparing to replace the central bank governor,

to comment on whether he thought the coun-

Amid speculative attacks, the rand lost about a

quarter of its value from May 1 through July 6,

Mr. Rubin, in response to questions, declined

's currency, the rand, was properly valued.

TUNIS — The exchanges of the Arab world said Tuesday they network and sophisticated commuwanted to forge links with one another to establish a single financial

The Union of Arab Stock Exchanges, which ended its annual meeting last weekend in Tunis, said that better connections were nec. The goal was to set up a network

JOHANNESBURG - U.S. Treasury Sec-

economic policies on Tuesday, while urging the

flexible to promote growth following the de-

preciation of the currency.

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government to make its labor markets more

South Africa's policies of reducing the

budget deficit and inflation and selling state

asset are "on the right track," Mr. Rubin said in

remarks prepared for delivery at Vista Uni-

Still, he called for the government to make labor markets more flexible, while protecting

the interests of workers. With interest rates

forecasts, there is concern that unemployment

boost investment in Arab equities. The plan included creating a data

The exchanges said they supported a project for a central depositary

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rising and economists scaling back their growth dollar traded at 6.0755 rand on Tuesday.

Mr. Altokaibi said the union was now looking at the results of a cross- in 1997, Saudi Arabia accounted for listing experiment started last year 40.8 percent, Kuwait for 18.7 perinternational financial markets, it by the Egyptian, Kuwaiti and Leb- cent, Egypt for 14.3 percent, Moanese stock exchanges.

The number of listed firms in the

rocco for 8.4 percent, Bahrain for 5.4 percent, Oman for 5 percent, nine main Arab exchanges rose to Jordan for 3.8 percent, Lebanon for 1,184 in 1997 from 1,091 in 1996, 2 percent and Tunisia for 1.6 perstatistics showed. Market capital- cent. The Arab Monetary Fund inessary in view of the liberalization of by 2001; Saafaq Alrokaibi, secreinternational trade in services, and to tary-general of the Arab organiza\$107.8 billion, while volume rose to percent in 1997 compared to 1996.

South Africa 'on the Right Track,' Rubin Says intervene to help the rand in the same way it has "There are never any easy answers, but it is at times supported the Japanese yen, Mr. Rubin retary Robert Rubin endorsed South Africa's important that labor policies and practices pay said, "That is not a subject that has come attention to those who seek jobs as well as to

The rattled South African financial markets enjoyed a second day of stability on Tuesday, lifted by the stronger rand. They were also helped by the IMF lifeline extended to the ailing economy of Russia, a move that raised confidence in other battle-scarred emerging markets. The All Share stock index closed up 81.79 points, or 1.15 percent, at 7,164.49. Bond prices

"Everything is working in tandem. With the when the dollar rose to a high of 6.80 rand. The stronger rand and long bonds today, there's been a lot of interest on our side this afternoon,' a stockbroker said. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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Compiled by Our Staff From Disposite SEOUL - Tens of thousands of South Korean workers downed their. tools Tuesday in a protest against wage

cuts and layoffs, bringing key industries to a halt. An official with the Korean Metal Workers Federation, which has called a two-day strike, said 57,000 workers

joined the action and another 13,000 were due to join on Wednesday. The strikes and a wave of rallies went ahead peacefully despite the government's wantings that it would crack down on illegal stoppages, which could undermine Seoul's economic recovery.

Unions of Daewoo shipyard, Korea Heavy Industries & Construction Corp. and several others will join the protest tomorrow," Sim Sang Jeung, deputy secretary general at the federation,

The militant union umbrella group, Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, said the strikers would number more than 146,000 by Wednesday.

Major work sites already left idle included the automakers Hyundai Motor Co. and Daewoo Motor Co. and many makers of car parts, according to

the federation. The Labor Ministry put the number of workers striking in sympathy with the federation at 33,900, but a ministry official said the number would increase slightly if workers already on strike because of other issues were included.

The two-day industrial action was called to demand an immediate stop to what the federation said were illegal practices being committed by employers, such as unilateral wage cuts and

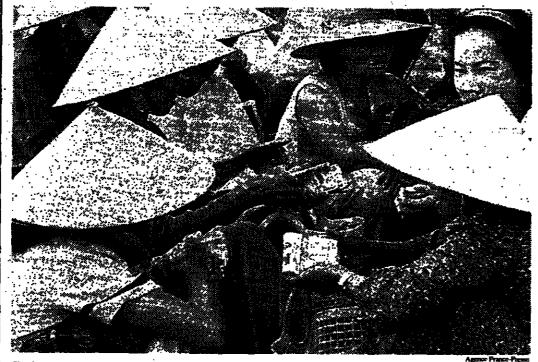
Workers have also asked that the government consult more with labor before deciding on major restructuring steps, the federation said. (Reuters, AFP)

#### ■ Pohang Profit Rises 26.5%

Pohang Iron & Steel Co., the world's second-largest steel producer, said that profit grew by a better-than-expected 26.5 percent in the first half of the year because of higher domestic steel prices and foreign-currency gains, Bloomberg News reported.

Posco, as the state-owned company is known, will be unable to sustain such profit growth because of production cuts and slumping demand from Asian economies facing their deepest recessions in decades. Its costs are already rising as stocks of imported raw materials need to be replenished.

The company earned 687 billion won (\$524 million) in the six months ended in June, up from 543 billion won a year earlier, said a Posco executive who asked not to be named. The company's first-half sales rose 29.3 percent from a year ago, to 5.87 trillion won.



CASH CRISIS - Women at the Central Market in Hue, in central Vietnam, counting wads of money. The country's currency has lost value, with the dollar rising to about 13,000 dong.

### Vietnam to Open 2 Stock Markets

Agence France-Presse open its first stock and securities not be less than 10 billion dong market in Ho Chi Minh City in (\$769,000), and business opera-October, to be followed by another in Hanoi at an unspecified date, an official from the State Securities Committee said Tuesday.

securities trading center would deal in shares, bonds, certificates of investment funds and other types of securities.

The decree signed by Prime Minister Phan Van Khai gave few details but said the aim was to mobilize long-term local and foreign capital for Vietnamese enterprises as the country continues to open up its economy.

HANOI - Vietnam plans to capital of listed companies must ganization. tions must have been profitable in the previous two years.

The plan to open the markets illustrates the communist govern-A government decree said the ment's willingness to embrace the curities trading center would ultimate symbol of capitalism, but observers say it has taken a long time to materialize because of slow eparations

They said the plans to open the Ho Chi Minh City center in October and the one in Hanoi later could still be subject to delays. The decree said at least 20 per-

organization must be sold to more sold off.

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The term securities trading center was preferred because initially the operations are expected to be small, according to Dominic Scriven, managing director of Dragon Capital in Ho Chi Minh City.

The centers are expected to generate much-needed funds and facilitate the government's privatization plans.

Vietnam has seen a mere 30 state companies out of a total of 6,000 privatized since 1992.

The government had announced that it would privatize as many as 200 state companies this year, but cent of share capital of the issuing in the first six months only 11 were

### Toshiba and Time Warner to Make Films

TOKYO - Toshiba Corp., Time Warner Inc. and Nippon Television Network Inc. said Tuesday they would form a joint venture to produce and distribute Time Warner.

Japanese programming for the domestic and world markets. of July, with capital of 300 million-yen (\$2.1 million). Time Warner and Nippon Television will each own 33.3 percent of Towani, and Toshiba 23.3 percent.

The three companies hope Towani will start making one or two movies a year from the year

Japanese market with the kind of films they want to see," said Richard Fox, executive vice president of Warner Bros., part of Towani's movies will be aimed

at markets worldwide, and the The joint venture, Towani company will raise money on a Corp., will start business at the end project-by-project basis, the For Toshiba, which has con-

centrated on making audiovisual hardware, this is part of a plan to expand gradually into program content creation.

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"We have to start serving the president, Taizo Nishimuro. "In the future we don't want to be just a hardware-maker." He said the venture "is one

step towards making Toshiba strong in software." Toshiba's first move into the broadcasting industry came in

April, when it and seven other Japanese companies, including Toyota Motor Corp. and Fujitsu Ltd., announced a joint venture to beam digital satellite broadcasts to motor vehicles in Japan by 2001.

Toshiba shares rose 21 yen to "We want to become a service 564. Tokyo-based Nippon Television shares rose 1,000 yen to of the word," said Toshiba's 43,900. (Bloomberg, AFX)

### Bank Chiefs Urge Change As Japanese Offer Pledges

TOKYO - International pressure on Japan to take decisive measures to solve its economic woes grew on Tuesday, with central bankers and business leaders around the world joining the call.
Various Japanese officials, meanwhile, said measures would be taken to reduce taxes and shore up the country's banking system, but they offered few specifics.

Hans Tietmeyer, president of the German Central Bank, said any delay in taking firm measures would "undermine confidence and be risky for development in the in-ternational markets." Mr. Tietmeyer was in Tokyo for a meeting of central bank chiefs from 30 coun-

We should not underestimate the importance of Japan to the world economy," he said. The head of the Japanese gov-

ernment tax reform panel, Hiroshi Kato, said income and corporate taxes should be cut by as much as 6 trillion yen (\$42.5 billion) next year to turn around the economy.

But any efforts to prime the economy have been stalled for the moment by the resignation of Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto on Monday, after his party suffered a big setback in voting for the upper house of the Diet.

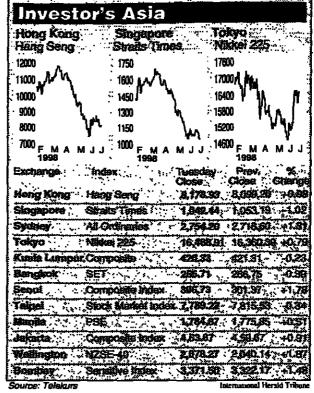
Satoru Kishi, the chairman of the Federation of Bankers' Associations of Japan, said stabilizing the banking system would be a priority of the government

The chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, urged Japan to tackle that problem quickly, according to a Japanese Finance Ministry official who was present at a meeting between Mr. Greenspan and Finance Minister Hikaru Matsunaga of Japan. Mr. Greenspan made no request for specific measures, nor did the two iscuss specific banks, said the official, who asked not to be named.

Japanese banks are saddled with more than \$540 billion in bad loans, making them reluctant to extend fresh loans and hampering the nation's economic recovery.

The Japanese stock market and the yen have risen, however, since the resignation of Mr. Hashimoto as investors hope a new regime will take action on the economy.

Business leaders are urging that the government not miss a chance to make a change. The president of Toyota Motor Corp., Hiroshi Okuda, said he hoped for quicker action to bolster the economy by the new leadership. "The best thing they could do is speed things up," he said. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AP)



#### Very briefly:

 Indonesia's attorney general has barred Mohammed (Bob) Hasan, a close associate of former President Suharto, from traveling abroad while an investigation into corruption during Mr. Suharto's regime proceeds.

 Sony Corp. has set up a wholly owned subsidiary, Sony Broadcast Media Co., in Japan to oversee its broadcasting operations.

• Technology Resources Industries Bhd., Malaysia's largest cellular phone company, offered to buy cash-strapped rival Time Telecommunications Holdings Bhd. for about 2.5 billion ringgit (\$590 million) in assumed debt, according to two executives familiar with the proposal.

 Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. said the ntta.com unit of its NTT America Inc. subsidiary has applied to the Federal Communications Commission to provide facilities-based telecom services between the United States and Japan. · China, faced with rising unemployment, is offering tax breaks for laid-off workers who start their own businesses, the official Xinhua news agency reported. The National Industrial and Commercial Bureau is waiving taxes and fees for the first year for such businesses, the agency said.

• Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. has stopped making television sets and audio equipment at its plants in Costa Rica, Guatemala and El Salvador.

• Hyundai Motor Co. plans to launch an economy car in India. Mong Gyu Chung, Hyundai chairman, told the Economic Times newspaper that pilot production of the Santro began in May.

 Tokyo monthly rents for new offices declined 0.2 percent to 15,360 yen (\$109) per tsubo (3.3 square meters) in the Aprilto-June period from the previous quarter, according to Ikoma Data Service System Co., a private research company.

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### 'Godzilla' Thrills Home Market

TOKYO — Sony Corp.'s "Godzilla" received a warm welcome home to Japan as just over half a million viewers paid to see the remodeled high-tech version of the 1955 classic on its opening weekend. The film attracted an audience of 520,000, more than the

316,000 who turned out to see News Corp.'s "Titanic," though fewer than the record 762,000 for Seagram Co.'s "Lost World: Jurassic Park" last summer.

Masahiko Suzuki, a spokesman for Japan's biggest film distributor, Toho Co., said the movie would generate 5 billion yen (\$3.5 million) in revenue for the company by the time it closes in September, and draw 7 million viewers.

'Godzilla,'' which cost about \$200 million to produce and market in the United States, where it has been a box-office disappointment, has generated \$140 million in ticket sales there since its May 20 release, Mr. Suzuki said.

### South Korea: Unlikely Hint of Light in Asian Tunnel

By Philip Bowring Special to the Herald Tribune

South Korea might seem political uncertainty. an unlikely place to look for

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ECONOMIC rate-bond yield down from 18 decline into 1999. If South Korea can move in short-term debt repayments. this direction, other countries But reduction of overall corporate debt levels and bank because of the currency derestructuring have just begun.

What Asia most urgently needs is relief from pressure pluses. Thanks to Internation-

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The key to Asian stabil- large, recession-driven trade ization is not export growth surpluses. If that is the case, but a revival in domestic de- lower South Korean rates South Korea is attracting mand, and lower interest rates should stimulate investment. and fiscal stimulus — a reversal of last year's medicine

and Thailand has risen sharply valuation last year, but will soon be back to the low single digits. Ideally, nominal infor absurdly high trade sur- terest rates should tumble as inflation collapses, which will be difficult without risking another currency drop. But depression, not currency weakness, is now the main danger. If Japan is any guide, in-

Stimulus is needed throughout Asia. It may be are the routes to it. that the conditions for it have Inflation in South Korea been laid in South Korea.

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### LLOYD'S: Insurance Market's 'Names' Fight to Survive a Strong Corporate Tide

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"We have supported Lloyd's all along," said Rona Delves Broughon, head of the High Premium Group of Names that support at least £1 million worth of underwriting a year. "They of underwriting a year. "They have to take us with them."

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### GM: Stakes Get Larger for Both Sides as Impact of Strike Grows

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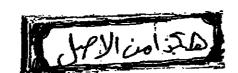
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#### World 1,500 Mark

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Guerrouj, the world champion at the distance, slashed more than a second off the old mark of 3:27.37, established by Nourredine Morceli of Morocco in 1995.

#### Real Madrid Gets Coach

SOCCER The former Borussia Dortmund coach Nevio Scala has agreed a two-year contract to coach Real Madrid, the European champion, Spanish state television reported Tuesday. Scala had a meet-ing with Real Madrid's president, Lorenzo Sanz, on Tuesday morning to discuss the position and terms of his contract. He takes over from Jose Antonio Camacho, who resigned last Thursday after just 22 days.

 Yugoslavia's World Cup midfielder, Vladimir Jugovic, signed a three-year contract with Atletico Madrid on Tuesday. Jugovic moved from the Italian club Lazio for a reported transfer fee of \$9.8 (Reuters)

#### A Tennis Doping Offense

TENNIS The American teenager Samantha Reeves has been found guilty of a doping offense but will not be sanctioned because she took steroids unwittingly, the Interna-tional Tennis Federation said Tuesday. In what is believed to be the first doping case in women's tennis, the federation said Reeves, 19, tested positive for traces of a performance-enhancing anabolic steroid in an out-of-competition test in December 1997. But it cited "exceptional circumstances" for not imposing any sanctions, saying that she acted in "good faith" in taking a product which she believed was for weight loss.

#### Iverson Car in Drug Deal

BASKETBALL Two men traveling in a car owned by the Philadelphia 76ers star Allen Iverson were arrested in Norfolk, Virginia, after driving away from an alleged drug deal, the police said. Iverson was not present, was not charged and was not implicated. He had given the two longtime acquaintances permission to use his new Mercedes Benz. Under Virginia law, cars used in drug activity may be confiscated permanently, and the police have filed papers to take possession of the car.

#### Red Wing Coach Ailing

HOCKEY The Detroit Red Wings' coach, Scotty Bowman, faces more cardiovascular tests after abnormal results of a stress test last week a television station reported. The 64-year-old coach of the Stanley Cup champions said he would not be back next season "unless my health is 100 per-

#### Red Badgro Dies at 95

FOOTBALL Morris (Red) Badgro, a Hall of Famer who caught the first touchdown pass of the first NFL championship game in 1933, died Monday at age 95. In the 1933 championship game, he caught a 29-yard pass from Harry Newman for a touchdown that gave the New York Giants a 7-6 lead. But he said it always bothered him that he failed to score on the last play of the game. He could not get past Harold (Red) Grange, and the Giants lost to the Chicago Bears, 23-21. (AP)



Aime Jacquet, the French coach, holding the World Cup at Elysee Palace as President Chirac addressed crowd.

### French Sports Daily Keeps Sparring

PARIS - The bitter feud between Aime Jacquet and France's top sports daily, l'Equipe, deepened further here on Tuesday with the paper accusing the French national coach of choosing 'hatred'' over "forgiveness."

L'Equipe's editor, Jerome Bureau, has been a stinging thorn in Jacquet's side ever since his appointment as the national coach in 1993

In a personal letter addressed to Jacquet carried in Tuesday's edition, Bureau conceded France's thrilling World Cup victory over Brazil had rendered his criticism obsolete. But on a day that President Jacques Chirac paid homage to Jacquet as a man that embodied all that was best in the French, Bureau went on to accuse him of lynching "those who don't think like you.

Spurred into action by Jacquet's refusal to forgive the paper, and by his

nouncing l'Equipe's "monopoly on im-Bureau wrote: "Nothing justifies the way you have treated us. Nothing legitimizes the extreme violent

nature of the language that you used."
He continued: "You have won the World Cup, you are a national hero and for much of the country everything you say from now on will be regarded as the word of the gospel. It is a sad gospel that advocates the lynching of those who don't think like you. It is a sad gospel

that prefers hatred to forgiveness. Jacquet, asked on Sunday night after his team's 3-0 victory over Brazil about his treatment by what is effectively a national institution, said, "I'll never

L'Equipe's opposition to the coach who on Tuesday received France's highest civilian accolade, the Legion of Honor, centered on what the paper

In his declaration, Bureau conceded that he had expressed "great concern" at Jacquet's method of preparation and questioned his ability to lead France's World Cup campaign.

There is no doubt, however, who has emerged as the moral and literal winner of the affair - namely the silver-haired Jacquet, 56, who was hailed by President Chirac at Elysee Palace on Tuesday.

In a live television broadcast at a Bastille Day garden party. President Chirac said of Jacquet: "He stands for what is best in the French: serious, determined, human, close to people, understanding, tolerant but firm."

Jacquet, had already made it clear that

he would step down as national coach after four and a half years in the job. The French soccer federation said a successor would probably be named Friday.

### Zidane, Ronaldo and Many Memories

PARIS—"The Happiness of Being French," proclaimed the headline in Le Figaro. For the first time in a long time, soccer mattered as much in France as it does in other European countries. The European championship 14 years ago was the only international soccer title ever won by the French until Sunday night, when they won the World Cup, and now feel like they own the

world France's longest-running sports party continued Monday and Tuesday. as this World Cup confirmed again the advantages of being a host country and how difficult it is for a South American team to win in Europe. Six hosts have won the 16 World Cups, but not since 1958, when the Brazilians won in Sweden, has a South American nation

won in Europe.
The 1998 Brazilians will be remembered for their 3-0 loss in the final game, in which they played listlessly against a team that won the Cup without an attacker's scoring a goal in the knockout rounds — a flaw that would seem tragic but somehow wasn't.

The French, particular as they are about many things, did not care if their goals came from the midfield or the defense. President Jacques Chirac said that he wished he had been a goalkeeper, and Prime Minister Lionel Jospin emphasized that he once was.

Vantage Point/William Gilbea

ined himself a player-manager no less, its best player playing his best soccer. calling himself in a radio interview combination of Jacquet and Zidane,' the coach and the midfield hero. Zinedine Zidane's doubleheader

that gave France a 2-0 lead on Sunday night made him the player of the tournament and the people's choice forever. The son of Algerian immigrants, Zidane is the heart of the team that reflects the diverse French population. The team's roster also included players with roots in the South Pacific, Georgia, the Basque region, West Africa and the Caribbean.

As Zidane, 26, made history, Brazil's Ronaldo, 21, failed in the most important game to live up to his immense hype. He rarely seemed himself during the tournament, although there were exceptions when he shrugged off the unrelenting defenses: his two-goal game against Chile in the Round of 16, and a mesmerizing moment against the Netherlands in the semifinals when he accelerated to score 23 seconds into the second half. That was art as op-

posed to house painting. But against France Brazil was revealed to have only a so-so defense compared with other World Cup teams. Too many players were off

Now, Mr. Jospin said that he imag- will to overcome difficulties without Brazil, too, needed Romario, the star of the 1994 Cup, who was dropped from the team because of injury.

This World Cup demonstrated the need to condense the tournament to less than a month-plus as players and fans grew weary. Also needed: more consistency in officiating and a crackdown on the practice of players' faking injuries rather than referees falling for the stunts, and a better solution for ending tie games than penalty kicks.

My fonder memories of France 98 include: the sleeping cats of Marseille and the tranquil dogs of Paris, fast trains and speeding drivers, the croissant and the croque monsieur, the sound of "La Marseillaise," assorted loopy looks on the face of the bald French goalkeeper Fabien Barthez, horns and painted faces, the mistral, the friendly people of Lens.

Also: the two rivers of Lyon, the Netherlands' cliff-top training site smack against the sky above Monaco, stacked luggage at Charles de Gaulle airport as baggage handlers joined the pre-Cup Air France strike, Zidane lifting the Cup, the sea of people Monday on the Champs-Elysees cheering as teams. Too many players were off the French players passed tri-their games, and there was a lack of umphantly. An revoir, France.

### Why Ronaldo and Co. Must Face Up to Reality

### Looking for Answers in Brazil Star's Head

By Rob Hughes .

ONDON - The image of sports. in keeping with the fashion of youth, is the shaved head.

At the World Cup, it became a promatch ritual for France's defender Laurent Blanc to kiss the scalp of goalkeeper Fabien Barthez before games. So even when Blanc was banned from the final, he defied the rule by stepping onto the pitch to carry out his good-luck charm before the kickoff. Even Jacques Chirac, the head of state, repeated the kissing gesture after France beat Brazil to win the tournament.

As Brazil arrived home on Tuesday, sans trophy, the press swarmed around the most famous shaved head in soccer.

WORLD CUP SOCCER

Their quest? Trying to fathom what is going on inside the brain of Ronaldo. In Perth, Australia, meanwhile, there was also much attention focused on a sportsman's scalp on Tuesday. Hayden McGlinn, 23, is celebrating life, and not merely the joy or despair that was personified in the profiles of Barthez and Ronaldo.

McGlinn doesn't have their fame or their money. He is - or possibly was an Australian rules football player who suffered a concussion after a clash of heads in the Outback. Whatever the claims, the stories or the fears for Ronaldo, who played and lost a soccer match in front of 1.7 billion television viewers on Sunday night, the life-or-death simution for McGlinn dwarfs it.

The Australian was dying from a blood clot on the brain until a British doctor, with neither the surgical implements nor the first-hand expertise of brain surgery, saved him. Stephen Hindley, a general practitioner, had been in Australia just 36 hours when he was called to assist the player.

"Like all doctors," he said, "I knew the principles. I never thought I would have to bother with the practicalities."

Time was pressing. The blood clot was depressing the brain. The doctor called for a drill to penetrate the skull and relieve the pressure. Local nurses had none. They tried a dentist's drill, which proved inadequate. Then teammates of the endangered player found a for The Times of London. rusting carpenter's hand-drill.
"I didn't care what kind of drill they

got," the doctor said. "I sterilized the bit and got to work."

That was two weeks ago. On Tuesday, when Hindley revisited his patient. in hospital, the inevitable TV cameras at the bedside, McGlinn spoke gratefully of the "miracle doctor" without whose bush medicine and improvisation he would not be alive.

I recount the story in a soccer column because it would be nice if Ronaldo andsome other sporting millionaires could relate to the realities of life now and again. Ronaldo, we knew, was a player under pressure - arguably under more pressure than any performer in the

world on Sunday. We also knew that he was trying to mask a recurrent injury, to a knee, although Brazil's team bulletins confused things by talking of a thigh strain and later an ankle injury. And we heard that . Ronaldo's club, Internazionale of Milan, was sending its doctors on a daily basis to monitor the situation and try to ensure that the club's \$40 million property was not being pushed by painkillers beyond acceptable risk.

Then, on the afternoon of the final, according to Roberto Carlos, who roomed with Ronaldo, the most prized goal scorer in the game suffered a convulsive fit, blacked out and had to have his tongue freed from his air passage.

If all this is true, it was obscure for

Brazil to play Ronaldo in the final. If it is

untrue - a story to deflect the "failme," as millions of Brazilians view second place among the 200 nations of

soccer — it is unacceptable.

And if, as published in Brazilian jour-1 nals, Nike, the sponsor of the Brazil federation, prevailed upon Ricardo Teixeira, the head of the federation, to order the team's coach, Mario Zagallo, to play Ronaldo, then the whole wretched affair smells bad.

Nike dismisses the report as "completely false and an insult." Zagallo admits he was persuaded against his own better judgment to pick Ronaldo. And Ronaldo, after being reduced from a superstar to an immobile, uninspired parody in the final of the World Cup, said, with his Nike boots strung around his neck: "We lost the World Cup, but I

won another cup: My life." We are in an alarming precedent here. Across the globe, neurologists are com-menting that if Ronaldo had suffered a convulsive fit, he could not, and should not, have been fit for play. And psy-chologists are stressing that his collapse is symptomatic of the demands placed

on sports stars. Whether what troubled Ronaldo was in the body or the mind, someone, somehow has to lower the expectations, maybe lower the commercial and polit-

ical overtones, on a sport.
Some hope! In Paris on Tuesday Bastille Day, Aime Jacquet, the French coach, was decorated with the Legion of Honor, the highest award his country can give. And FIFA, the world goveming body of soccer, announced that its Fair Play Trophy would be shared between England and France.

Let me count England had one red card, the sending off of David Beckham for kicking an opponent; France had three - Zinedine Zidane for stamping on a Saudi player, Laurent Blanc for putting his hand into the face of a Croat, and Marcel Desailly for two foul tackles in the final. If these are the good guys the system is flawed. There were 22 red cards in this World Cup. Do we now condone expelling a player — it used to be the ultimate shame in soccer - as immaterial to the notion of fair play?

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Rob Hughes is the chief sports writer

#### **Worries in England About Beckham**

MANCHESTER, England -Manchester United's manager, Alex Ferguson, expressed fears on Tuesday for the safety of David Beckham after the midfielder became the target of abuse following England's World Cup exit.

Beckham, 23, has been widely vilified after he was sent off for a red card offense in England's second round defeat at the Cup.

His father, Ted, also said the player would consider a move abroad if the abuse carried on. Beckham was shown the red card

for aiming a kick at Argentina's. Diego Simeone. England subsequently lost on penalties.
Ferguson has already called for-

extra security when United travels to West Ham on Aug. 22. A banner reading "Beckham: August 22 = hell" was found pinned to the main gates of the club last week. An effigy of Beckham was also

strung up outside a London pub on

the eve of the player's return from

vacation in the United States with

the Spice Girl Victoria Adams

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#### **SPORTS**

### History Denied for Yanks Indian Victory Prevents 86-Game Record

The Associated Press same one that ended New York's season

The Cleveland Indians denied the Yankees a chance to make some more history and snapped their 10-game winning streak on Monday night with a 4-1 victory at Jacobs Field.

Jim Thome hit his 24th homer and Jaret Wright, sporting a new dyed-blond hairdo, became the first pitcher to beat the Yankees twice this season.

Wright (9-5) became a postseason hero last fall when he defeated New

#### BASEBALL ROUNDUP

York twice in the AL division series. And with the teams seemingly on a collision course for this fall, the righthander sounds as if he wouldn't mind another crack at the Broux Bombers. 'Anybody can beat anybody three out of five or four out of seven,' Wright

said. "If they're there and we're there, it's going to be fun."

Wright allowed one run and eight hits in seven innings, walking two and strik-

Had the Yankees won, their 66-20 mark would have been the best 86-game record in the 20th century, one game better than that of Honus Wagner's 1902 Pittsburgh Pirates. As it stands, the Yankees and the 1902 Pirates are tied, along with the 1912 New York Giants.

Thome also tripled and scored two runs for the Indians, who are 3-3 versus the Yankees this season.

Orlando (El Duque) Hernandez (3-2) lost for the first time in three starts, allowing nine hits and a season-high four runs in 63/3 innings. It was the first loss by a Yankee starter in 16 games. Red Sox 2, Devil Rays 0 Steve Avery (6-2) pitched Boston to its first victory

since the All-Star break and handed host Tampa Bay its 11th straight loss. Avery and three relievers combined on a seven-hitter. The Red Sox, coming off a four-game sweep at Baltimore,

bounced back to hand Tampa Bay its third shutout in five games. The Devil Rays have been shut out 13 times, most in the major leagues.

White Sox 5, Twins 2 In Chicago, Albert Belle hit two home runs, giving him six in his last five games for Chicago. Belle connected for his 23d homer leading off the fourth inning. He hit his 24th, another solo shot, in the sixth.

There is only one team that can hang with the Yankees lately. And it's the same one that ended New York's the Leany Webster homered and drove in four runs as Baltimore stretched its winning streak to five. B. I. Surhoff went 3-for-4 with a homer for the Orioles.

Rodriguez retired the first 15 batters before Tony Fernandez lined an opposite-field single to left for his 2,000th

Royals 6, Tigors 4 In Detroit, Jeff Conine hit a two-run double with two outs in the 10th inning for Kansas City.
Conine's double off Todd Iones (1-4) followed an intentional walk to Jeff King that put runners at first and second. Shane Mack followed with an RBI double to make it 6-3.

Mariners 10, Rangers 3 Edgar Mar-tinez homered twice, and Ken Griffey Jr. made a spectacular catch with his back to home plate for host Seattle.

Martinez hit a three-run homer to cap a four-run first off Todd Van Poppel (I-2), and added a solo homer, his 17th, in the sixth. Griffey made a basket catch of Will Clark's towering fly ball while running toward the fence in the fifth. Athletics 5, Angels 2 Mike Oquist (6-

pitched seven strong innings and Kevin Mitchell hit a three-run homer for host Oakland. Oquist, who won at Anaheim in his

last start, allowed seven hits in sevenplus innings. Bill Taylor pitched the ninth for his 20th save. In the National League:

Reds &, Cardinals 5 Eduardo Perez, Barry Larkin and the Cincinnati Reds still might make things interesting in the NL Central. Larkin drove in the rying run in the ninth inning, and Perez singled home the go-ahead run in the 13th as the Reds won their eighth

At 35-50 before the All-Star break, the Reds were just about out of the race. Now, they are at least within range at 111/2 games behind Houston.

Perez was placed on waivers last week, but the Reds withdrew them when no team claimed the son of Tony Perez, the former Cincinnati star.

Mark McGwire, who hit his 39th and 40th home runs a day earlier, went 0for-3 with three walks for host St. Louis. He popped out to end the ninth with runners on first and second, and was intentionally walked with one out and none on in the 12th.

Dodgers 7, Giants 5 Eric Karros and Raul Mondesi homered during a four-



The Yankees' Orlando Hernandez getting set to deliver against Indians.

run first inning, sending Los Angeles over San Francisco at Dodger Stadium. Gary Sheffield had three hits as the Dodgers handed the Giants their fourth

Rockies 9, Padres 5 Vinny Castilla, Larry Walker, Ellis Burks and Todd Helton hit solo home runs at Coors Field, and Colorado won its season-best fourth straight game. Tony Gwynn, stuck in the longest slump of his career, did not start for San Diego. The eight-time NL batting champion flied out as a pinch-hitter, leaving him in an 0-for-18 rut.

Browers 4, Phillies 2 Marc Newfield took advantage of a rare start, hitting a home run and double as host Milwaukee stopped Philadelphia's six-game win-ning streak. Newfield has struggled at the plate since undergoing shoulder surgery last Aug. 1. The Phillies lost in their first visit to County Stadium since 1965.

Pirates 6, Cubs 2 Pittsburgh held a

players-only meeting before the game, then went out and beat Chicago to stop its losing streak at six. Tony Womack hit an inside-the-park homer and drove in two runs for the Pirates, who had won only

two of their previous 12 home games. Marlins 8, Expos 7 Edgar Renteria, who earned a reputation for game-ending hits last season, won this one against Montreal with his legs at Miami. Florida won its season-high fourth in a row when Renteria scored on first baseman Brad Fullmer's throwing error with one out in the ninth inning.

Diamondbacks 5, Astros 3 Danny Klassen made up for a key error with a home run, helping Arizona defeat vis-iting Houston. The Diamondbacks stopped a four-game losing streak and sent the Astros to their fourth straight loss. Klassen's error in the fifth inning set up three runs that tied it at 3. But he homered to start the bottom half.

### It's Close but No Baguette For Cyclist on Bastille Day

By Samuel Abt

LORIENT, France - Every French bicycle racer dreams of winning the big one — a stage of the Tour de France on July 14, the national holiday - and Xavier Jan came about as close as he could Tuesday. Close was half the length of a bicycle, and it was good for just second place.

"I didn't have much luck," said the 28-year-old Frenchman, who rides for La Française des Jeux. "Yes," he agreed, "it would have wonderful on

the Quatorze Juillet," July 14.
But this is the New Europe, the one with no national boundaries and a forthcoming universal currency. So the huge

#### TOUR DE FRANCE

crowd of French people in Brittany sounded more or less sincere as it cheered the victory of a German, Jens Heppner of the Telekom team, instead of one of their own,

With a little more than a kilometer of the 169-kilometer (105-mile) third stage left, Heppner and Jan accelerated away from their partners in a long breakaway by nine men, three of them French. The two leaders played cat and mouse, watching each other, until the final 150 meters, when Heppner jumped ahead and crossed the line first.

Third, two seconds behind and at the head of the remaining six riders, was George Hincapie, an American with the U.S. Postal Service team. He said afterward that he had cramps in his right thigh near the end. "I knew I could tough out a sprint but I couldn't chase and catch those two and then sprint," he said. His highest finish in three Tours de France moved Hincapie, 25 and the American national champion, into second place overall.

He is two seconds behind the new leader, Bo Hamburger, a Dane with Festina, who was also part of the nineman breakaway and finished fourth.

Heppner, 33, is a team worker for Telekom, usually in charge of shep-herding Jan Ullrich, the winner of the last Tour. He joined the breakaway, which lasted 124 kilometers, as a routine protective measure for his team, guaranteeing that if the riders won by a big margin, a Telekom representative would be among them.

The attackers finished I minute 10

seconds ahead of the main pack as Heppner, who moved to fourth place overall, was timed in 3 hours 33 minutes 36 seconds in the southward run through Brittany from the port of Roscoff.

The Tour put the ''de France'' back into its name at Roscoff on Tuesday, ending the second Year of the French in Ireland much as the first one did exactly two centuries ago: The visitors sailed off in the night. This time, though, they

left behind happy memories.

In 1798, a small Napoleonic force was sent to aid an Irish uprising against the British and, when it began to fail, the French hoisted anchor and left the re-bellion's leaders, notably Wolfe Tone, to face the consequences.

The visit went much better this time. All along the routes of the prologue and the first two stages in Ireland, the French flag was flown with the Irish, and bi-lingual signs proclaimed "Bienvenue a Tipperary, Welcome to Tipperary." Crowds of spectators were immense and the race's staging areas were awash in folk dancers long ranks of friendly folk dancers, long ranks of friendly people with pikes to denote their Viking past and plentiful food and drink.

After the second stage into Cork on Monday, the 186 remaining riders and their team officials were flown to Brittany. The 2,000 other members of the entourage and their many cars and trucks were put aboard three ferries to cross the Channel overnight.

Just before sailing, an Irish bagpipe band on shore began serenading the visitors. Many Bretons are Celts. too, and a French bagpipe band aboard one ferry took up the lament.

As the last strains of "The Minstrel Boy to the War Has Gone" was just dying, the ship pulled away from the slip. Ashore, the organizing committee for the Tour's visit released hundreds of balloons, some blue, some white and some red - the French colors.

The balloons were still rising as the ferry began a slow turn starboard, away from Ireland and toward France.

#### ■ Girl, 11, in Critical Condition •

An 11-year-old girl was in critical condition Tuesday after being struck by a bicycle while watching the Irish stage of the Tour de France, The Associated Press reported from Cork, Ireland. The girl, Laura Seward, was among a group of spectators hit by one of the cyclists as he sped through Youghal. She suffered

### At British Open, the Answer Is Blowing in the Wind

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STARS ALL NIGHT.



Nick Faldo, a three-time British Open winner, practicing on Tuesday.

Rey Letter/The Associated Press
the 50s and wind gusts of around 35 miles per hour. That is part of what

By Clifton Brown .... New York Times Service

SOUTHPORT, England - The wind was howling at Royal Birkdale Golf Club, with players wearing ski caps and layered clothing to try to stay

The opening practice round was a cold, fitting reminder that the British Open has a different feel from the other major championships. The year's third major, which begins on Thursday, is synonymous with unpredictable weath-

greatest players were shivering on Monday, dealing with temperatures in the 50s and wind gusts of around 35 makes the British Open special. And if the weather stays chilly and windy, it will help those who cope successfully with the elements stay in contention.

"I think the best players will come to the top," said Tom Lehman, the 1996 British Open champion. "If you're not hitting the ball solid, you have no chance whatsoever, I don't care how you putt. How do you practice for stuff

Royal Birkdale, a par-70, 7,018-yard course on England's northwest coast, last held a British Open in 1991, when er, and it is played on golf courses that require creativity and resiliency.

Lan Baker-Finch defeated Mike Harnot finished higher than 22d in three attempts. Perhaps the biggest challenge in mid-July, many of the world's players have won here, including Arnold Palmer (1961), Lee Trevino (1971), Johnny Miller (1976) and Tom Watson (1983).

As usual, a long list of contenders holes that can ruin a round.

will tee off on Thursday with a le-gitimate chance to win. Lee Westwood of England has surpassed Colin Montgomerie as Europe's best player at the moment, winning seven tournaments in the last nine months. Justin Leonard, the defending champion, cannot be overlooked. Jesper Parnevik has finished second or tied for second in two of the last four British Opens. And David Duval and Fred Couples are having

outstanding years. The British Open has been a difficult tournament for Tiger Woods, who has for Woods, along with everyone else in the field, will be to keep tee shots in Birkdale's narrow fairways, avoiding the double-bogey and triple-bogey

WITHOUT THE STREETLIGHTS OR POLLUTION HERE, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU CAN SEE FOREVER MITO SPACE.

Nick Faldo, a three-time winner of the British Open, will be putting a different kind of pressure on himself this week. Forced to withdraw from the Loch Lomond tournament last week because of sharp pain in his right elbow, Faldo still hopes to tee off on Thursday.

#### ■ Nicklaus Serves Notice

Nicklaus has given his fans two years' notice, saying he's leaving the PGA Tour in 2000 after playing all four major tournaments, The Associated Press reported from Chester. England

"Then that will be the end of my playing golf, period," Nicklaus, 58, said. "We've all got to stop some time, and I don't think it's any big deal."

Nicklaus said he plans to play in 'Open championships to come," but probably not next year at Carnoustie.

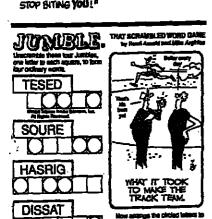
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#### **OBSERVER**

### 13, a Very Good Year

By Russell Baker

was exhilarating.

five minutes. It was almost Balbec. always another 13-year-old girl trying to reach our 13-year-old girl. Ours had her own private telephone in her cats, as our 13-year-old had. room, but it was always busy. One of them slept under her so her friends had to phone us bed and went outside only so we could tell her to in- when swept along vigorously terrupt her other conversation with a broom. The other two and come talk to them.

line was justified as a tool to ing the butter dish when they let her use her computer's in- thought they were unobternet hookup without shut- served and committing nuisting down the house phone.
What she did on the In-

ternet was a mystery. If we entered the room in which she was toiling over it, she And w would, at the sound of our chinchilla? footsteps, throw her body

She was probably talking to astronauts aboard some Maybe she was studying the and blow a fuse. offerings from the thousands of pornographers said to infest the Internet. We would not have been surprised. We were once 13 ourselves, and have been embarrassed about it ever since.

Sometimes five or six other 13-year-old girls came to the some terrible turkeys. house. After ravaging pantry and refrigerator, they con-

room containing the Internet. under the carpet and the pain spoons under the carpet, ice-cream-stained bowls in the little of youth's beauty will fireplace, watermelon seeds be gone. under the sofa cushions.

The oaths with which we complained were always mild and seemly, never roaring and NEW YORK—Six weeks unseemly, for the six of them we spent in a house con— "the gang of six." we

taining a 13-year-old girl. It called them -- reminded us of Proust. Those lovely summer The telephone rang every girls of his at the seaside in

Ah well, that's another roamed the premises with Our 13-year-old's private proprietary arrogance, lickances of a vengeful feline

nature against the two of us. And what about the

Yes, she had a chinchilla around the screen to block caged in her room. It was a our view. cage big enough to rent for \$8,000 a month in Manhattan. space station, or breaking into Periodically, if uncaged for a the Pentagon's master components that the product of the periodically is the periodically in the periodical periodically in the periodical periodical periodically in the periodical pe puter system. Maybe both, chew on some electrical wires

> On soft early summer evenings, school over at last, a 13-year-old girl's mind must turn to memories of Leonardo DiCaprio. He had long since left town with his doomed steamship, but his ghost, still lingering in the movie house, lured the gang again and again to sit through

As the sun sank slowly in the west, we said sad ferred with alarming silence farewells to cats, chinchillas, behind closed door in the telephones, Internet, spoons Afterward we would find and the beauty of being 13.

New York Times Service

## Japan's Pop Music Scene: Tomorrow, the World?

By Neil Strauss Now York Times Service

TOKYO — It is a decrepit and smoky I basement club, but the place is jammed with girls screaming for the Outsiders, a band led by a charismatic long-haired guitarist who shakes his mane as he puts one foot on a stage monitor and lets rip a thunderous solo that shakes the room.

Terri MacMillan, a music manager, watches with a banana grin, convinced that she has found a future superstar. She can picture him headlining arenas to mobs of guys playing air guitar and teenage girls screaming his name. She is literally jumping up and down in rapture. Only we are not in New York, Seattle or Omaha, Nebraska. We are in Tokyo. And MacMillan is the only other American in the club.

"I'm convinced that this is happening," she said excitedly. "but the problem is con-vincing everybody else. It's just like Britain all over again, only everyone is afraid."

MacMillan was referring to the explosion of Japanese pop and rock music. For the past two decades. Japan has been home to the world's second largest music industry, behind the United States, but only recently, in the face of economic crisis and sweeping social change, has it reached the diversity and originality necessary to find an audience in the West.

"We've been trying to break Japanese bands overseas for 10 years — 10 long years," said Tom Toeda, MacMillan's partner in a music management company here. Chibiya. "Now, finally, we feel we're in the right time and at the right place."

Japan today is in some ways like England circa 1960, when Americans thought of British music as just a substandard imitation of American pop. But then came the Beatles, proving that the British weren't just copying American rock and rhythm-and-blues but coming up with their own interpretations, starting a British invasion that has continued to this day. The situation is similar in Japan: Pieces of American, British and even French, German and Swedish popular music

are being fused into something Japanese.
"With cars and stereos, those things are invented somewhere else." Toeda said. Then they come to Japan: we redo it our own way and make it a little better and then put it out. So maybe that's what's happening in the music scene.



Ken Ishii, a Japanese techno musician, already has an American record deal.

too fragmented for another pop juggernaut on the order of the Beatles to emerge, in nearly each splinter of rock and pop there are Japanese bands good enough to rank among the upper echelons.

MacMillan and Toeda, who have already taken two Japanese bands, Pizzicato Five and Buffalo Daughter, from obscurity to college-rock favorites in America, believe that all it would take is for Japan to export a handful of slightly more successful bands to bring the country closer to ranking alongside America and England as a pop and rock capital - especially in this time of creative stagnation in popular music in America and increasing openness to Asian pop culture.

Their business plan is to find unknown

bands in Japan and make them stars in the music scene.' America before anybody has heard of them Though the Western music audience is at home, and then bring them back to Japan

as conquering heroes. This scenario may be possible within 5 to 10 years. But is the American pop public ready?

Many American music executives are doubtful. "It will never happen." said one label president, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "They look different than we do. They speak different than we do."

Others, however, have no doubt. Besides MacMillan, there are people like Steve Pross, the excitable 42-year-old head of Emperor Norton Records, an independent label based in Los Angeles that is owned by Peter Getty, the grandson of J. Paul Getty. "I think the next Beck or the next Paul McCartney is going to come from Japan." Pross said.
"And I want to be the one to find him."

Pross is in Tokyo preparing to release three albums by Japanese bands — the Zoobombs, Takako Minekawa and Fant-

astic Plastic Machine - in America as well as to find more Japanese bands to license. For Pross, one of the few American music executives actively looking for Japanese bands, running around to record stores and

labels in Tokyo feels like surking oil. So what does Japanese pop music sound

First of all, there isn't a music scene in Japan; there are hundreds of scenes. For those who like the testosterone-happy American rock bands Rage Against the Machine, 311 and Everclear, there are the Japanese counterparts Mad Capsule Markets. Backdrop Bomb and Thee Michelle Gun Elephant. If your tastes run to Alanis Morissette, Tori Amos and Tracy Chapman, there are Cocco, Bonnie Pink and Ua. And most of

them aren't mere knockoffs.
Singing in Japanese, English and "Japlish," these acts have come up with a fusion of their own, albeit one influenced by American and European bands. Many Japanese musicians say the staleness of new imported rock has given them confidence in their own music. In fact, Western music has slipped from a majority market share in Japan to less than 25 percent as Japanese bands have

There are three types of Japanese mu-sicians attracting small audiences in Amersicians attracting small authences in America. One is made up of obscure, uncompromising, avant-garde bands — psychedelic rockers like Ghost, improvisational guitarists like Keiji Haino and noise bands like Merzbow — who have been heroes in the American underground for years.

The second consists of bands that fit into niche genres — punk, ska and electronic dance music — in which fans feel part of an international community. Some of the top acts in these genres, like the punk band Hi-Standard and the techno musician Ken Ishii. already have American record deals and have sold tens of thousands of albums overseas.

The third type of Japanese band emerging in the United States is the most interesting because it doesn't fit into an existing style. These bands are evidence of an emerging Japanese sound and esthetic. Sometimes referred to as Shibuya kei, after Tokyo's busy youth shopping district and home to foreign record chains, the Japanese style is a pop tsunami swamping everything in its path and washing it ashore in a jumble. Its cultural appropriations bend logic, break rules and inadvertently come up with new and likable

### **PEOPLE**



Ralph Fiennes is preparing for the lead role in Istvan Szabo's new film.

A CHARGE that Quentin Tarantino slugged a woman in a restaurant is "pulp fiction," his lawyer said in
court. The director pleaded not guilty to
misdemeanor assault, punishable by up
to a year in jail. The fashion stylist Leila
Mwangi said Tarantino tried to punch
her boyfriend on May 1 at a restaurant
and his begingstead outling her forehead. CHARGE that Quentin Tarantand hit her instead, cutting her forehead. The trouble started when Tarantino and Mwangi's boyfriend, a photographer, got into a heated discussion about the way Hollywood portrays black Americans. In May, Mwangi filed a \$15 million lawsuit against Tarantino that is at the root of the criminal case.

Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden turned 21 on Tuesday after a tough 18 months battling the eating disorder anorexia. The future queen of Sweden has become the royal family's most popular member in a country where about 93 percent of citizens think the monarchy does a good job. according to a survey. "I feel very well, but I'm sure everyone

goes through a difficult period," she said

in a rare interview. She added: "I'm very grateful how the media has accepted my situation. I really appreciate that I was respected and left alone." Victoria is the eldest of King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia's three children.

Ralph Fiennes is eating goose liver and listening to Hungarian love songs to get himself in the mood for "The Taste of Sunshine." The actor will play all three leads in the movie about a Jewish family's struggle to maintain its identity over three generations. He will play a pragmatic lawyer, his Olympic-athlete one of the best scripts I have ever read in my life," Fiennes said. It was written by the Hungarian filmmaker Istvan Szabo. who is directing the movie.

The fashion designer Ralph Lauren has pledged \$13 million to save the flag that inspired the American national an-them. "The star-spangled banner was

an inspiration to Francis Scott Key,"

Lauren said, "it's been an inspiration for me, and I want it to be an inspiration for future generations." The flag, hand-sewn in 1813 and bearing 15 stars and 15 stripes, hangs at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History

single largest corporate gift to the Smithsonian, will go toward restoring the tattered banner. Key penned his patriotic poem after watching the flag still flying through the smoke of battle when the Princip of the Market of the Ma National Museum of American History in Washington, Lauren's donation, the Baltimore, from the sea in 1814.

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### Sweden Celebrates Bergman's 80th Birthday

C TOCKHOLM — The Swedish director Ingmar Bergman, the grand old man of modern film who turned 80 on Tuesday, continues to document life

In a television interview, Bergman said he still had the jitters before rehearsals despite decades of experience. His worst fear was having days when he failed to breathe life into his work.

"With the fear that I feel, it doesn't belp if I say I have done that or that and it's been successful ... or that I'm world famous," Bergman said in the 90-minute interview, "On Life and Work." "I go to those rehearsals and think about one thing: I hope this rehearsal goes well and that it's meaningful, full of life. The one thing I'm really afraid of ... is that suddenly the gift of making something meaningful should leave me.

The Swedish Film Institute announced that it would spend \$37,000 to make new copies of several of his films, including "The Seventh Seal" and "Scenes



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